

















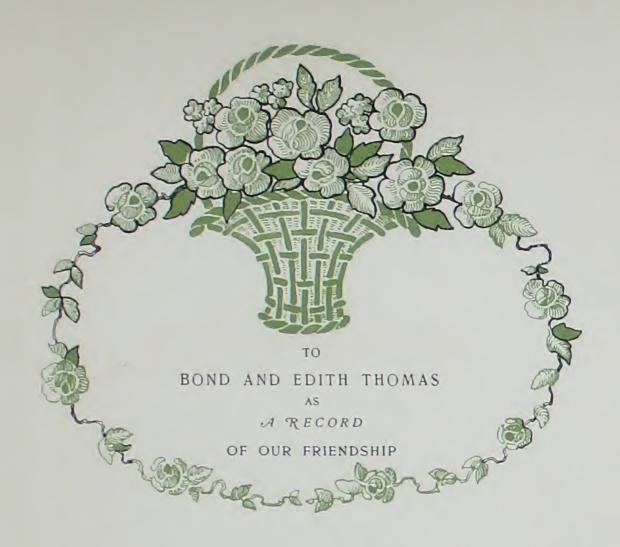




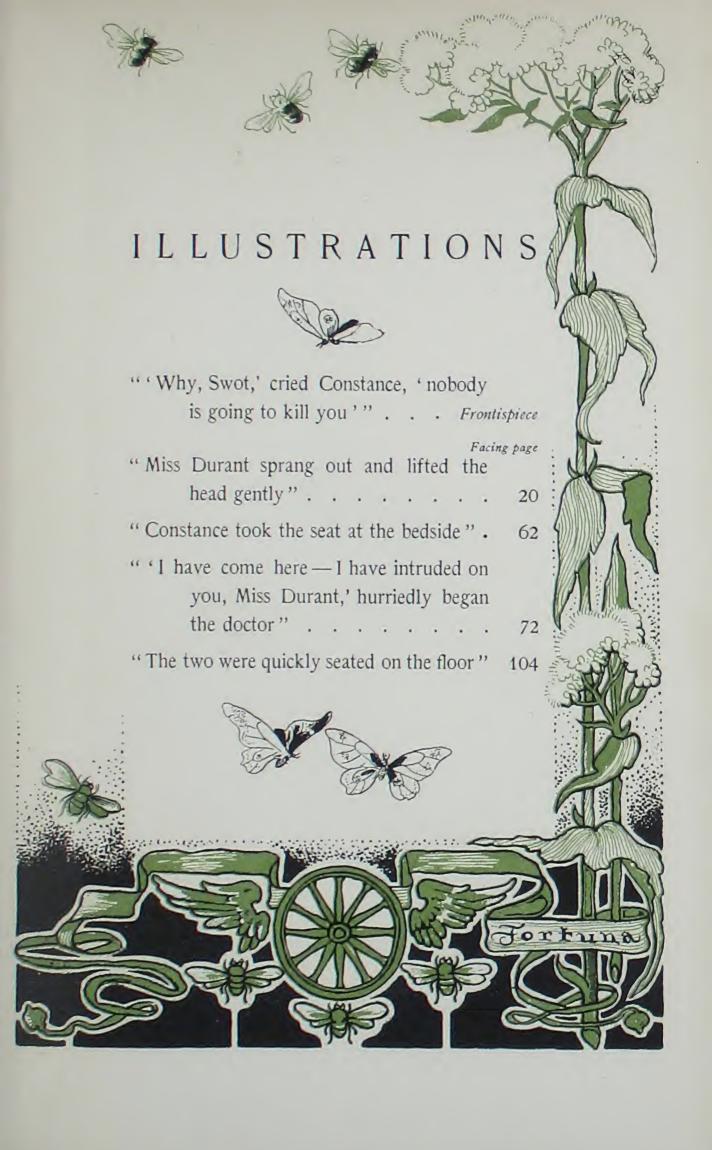
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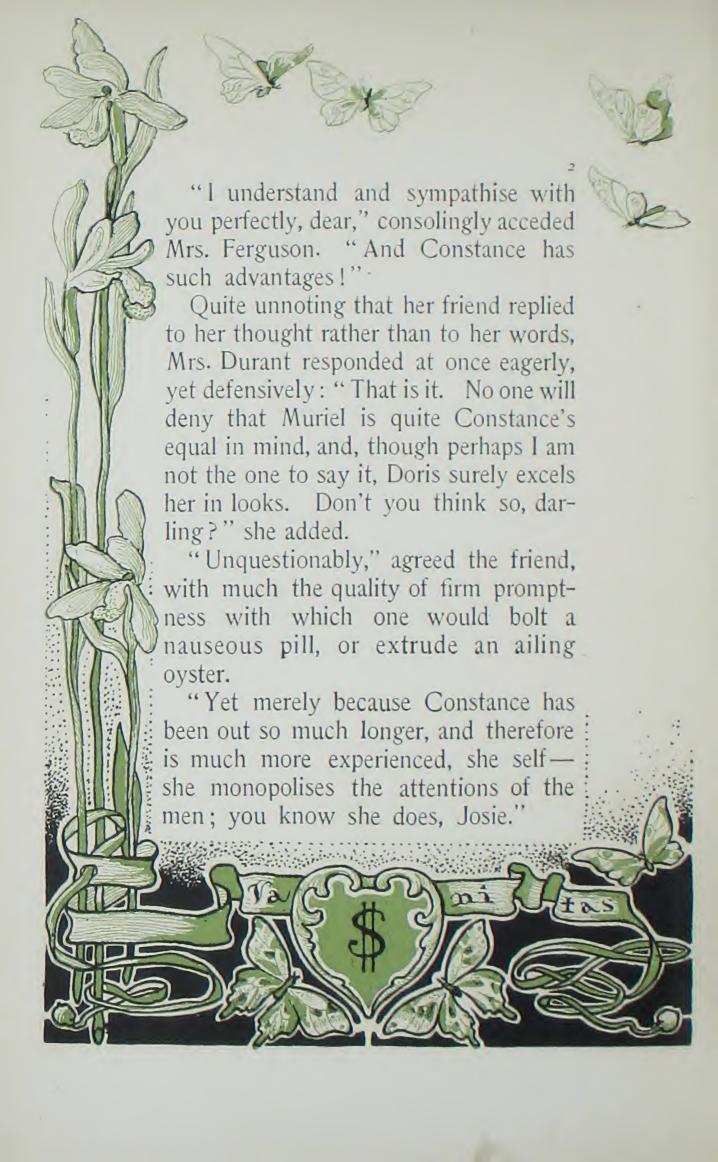




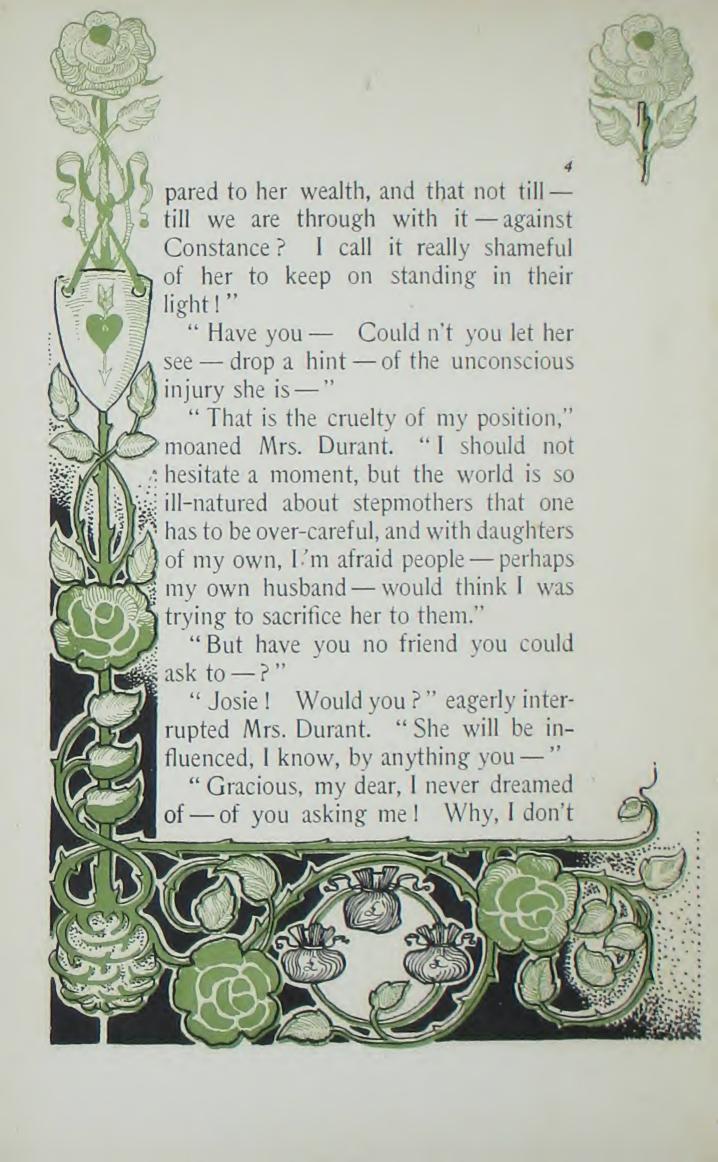


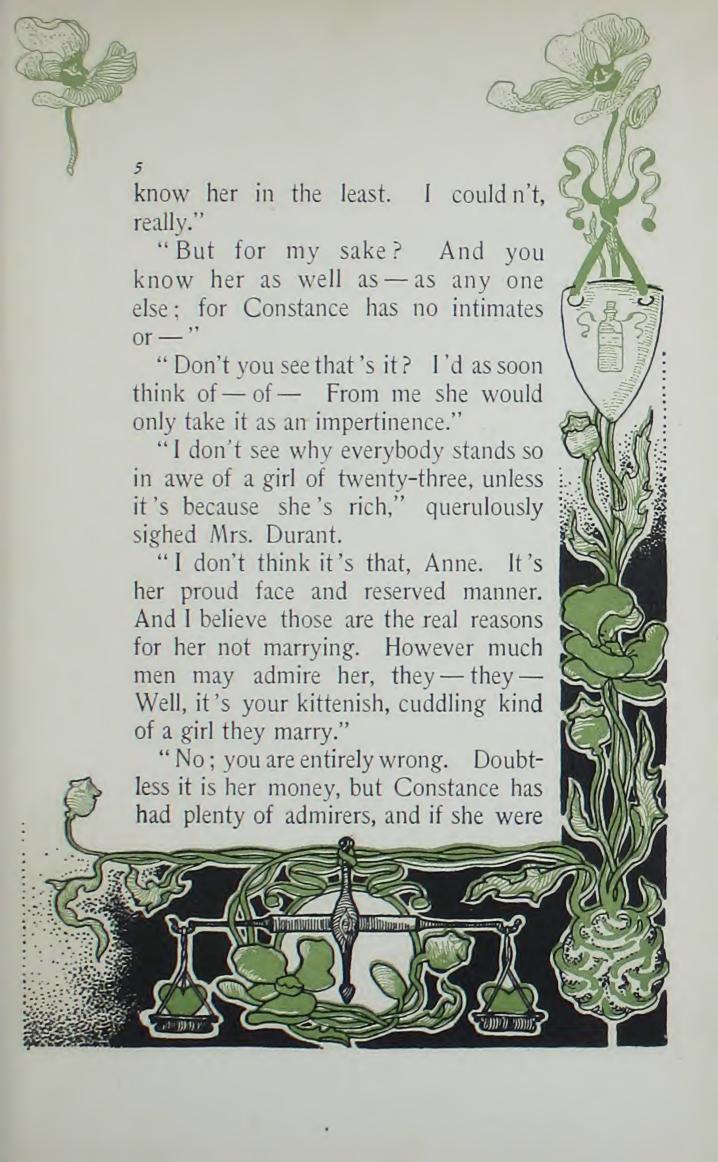


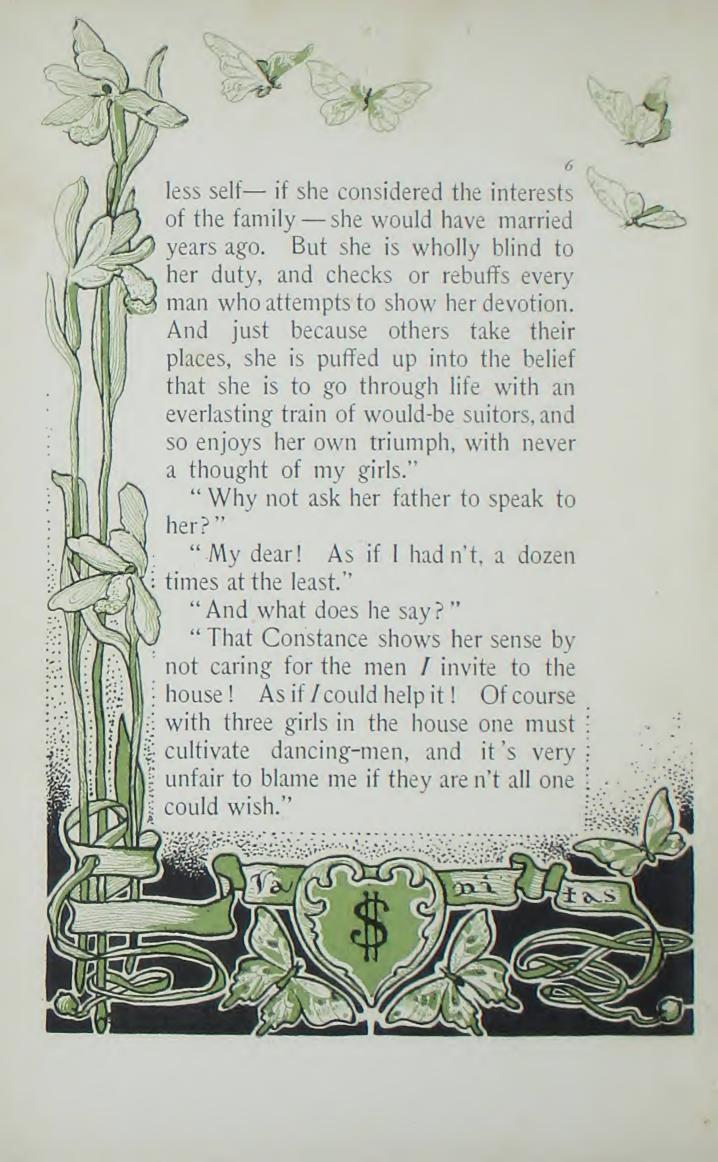


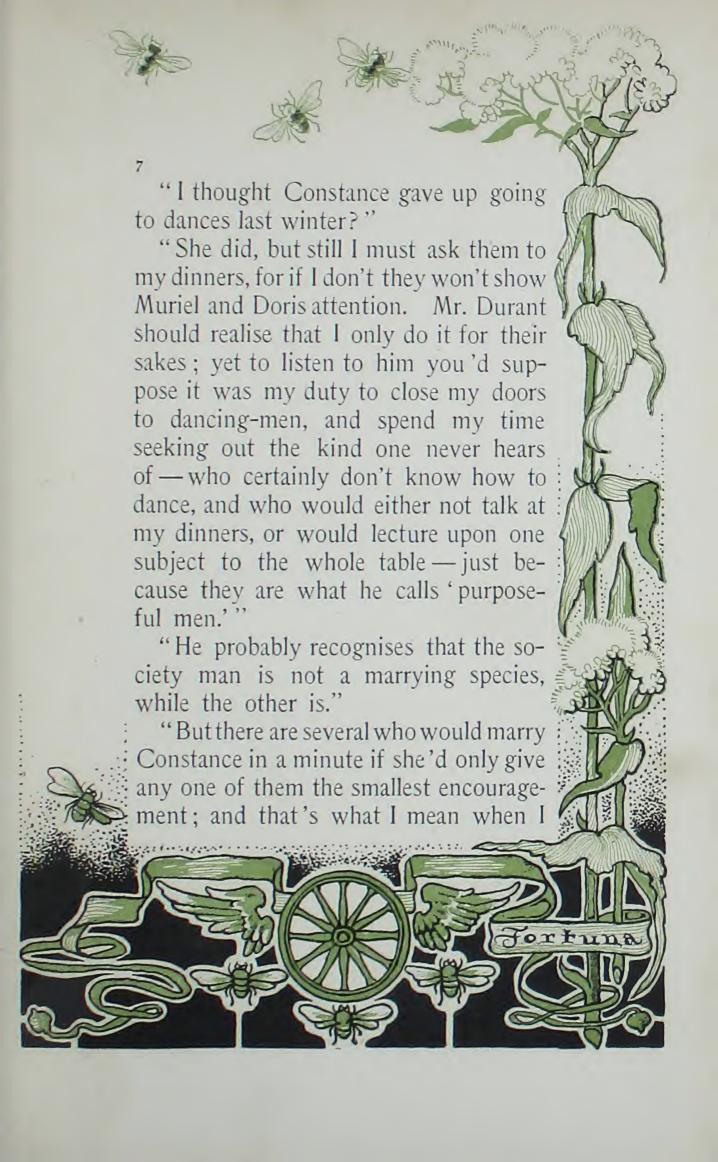


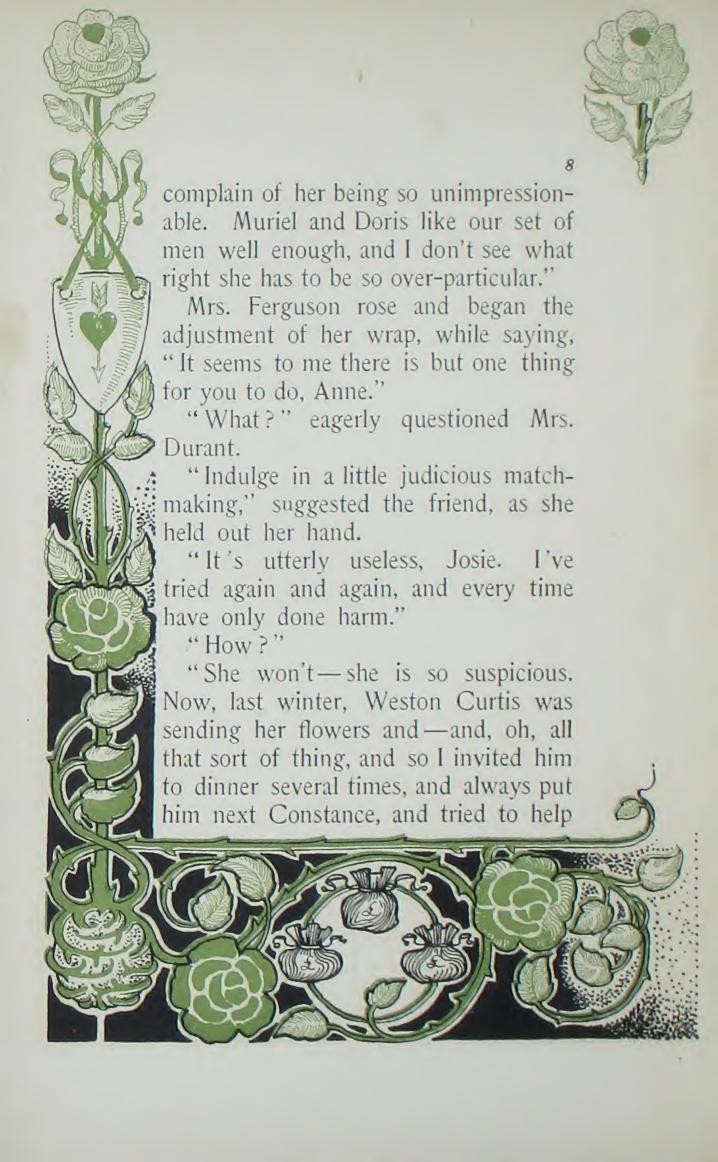


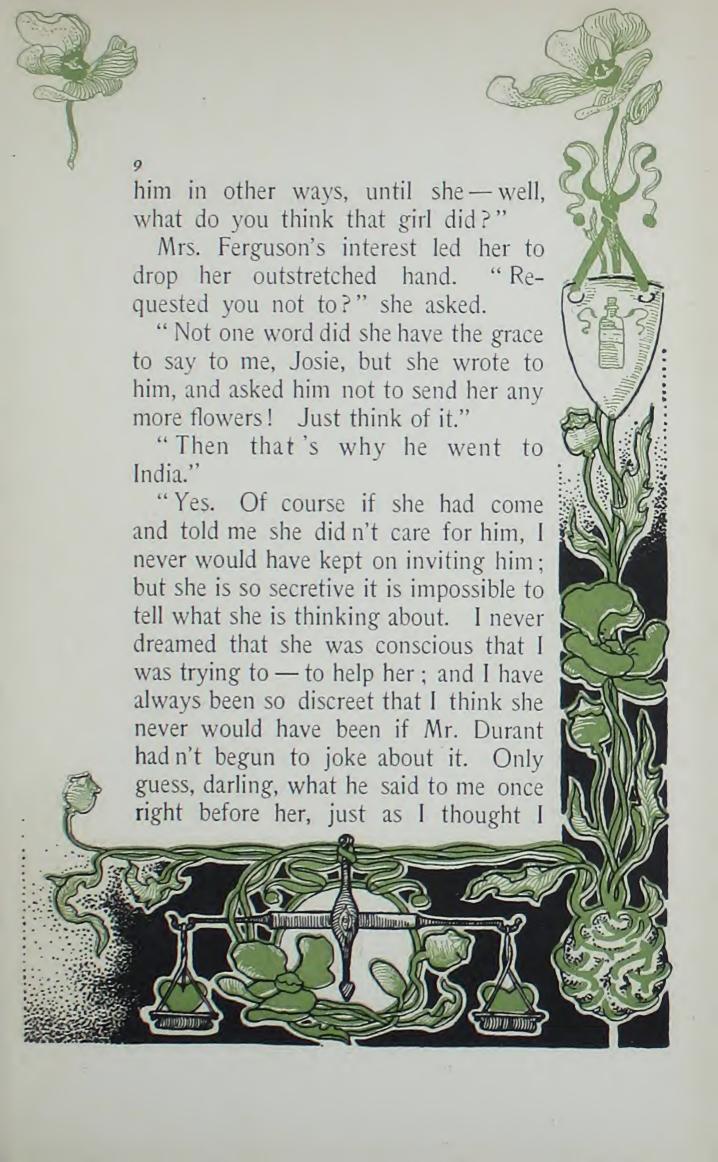


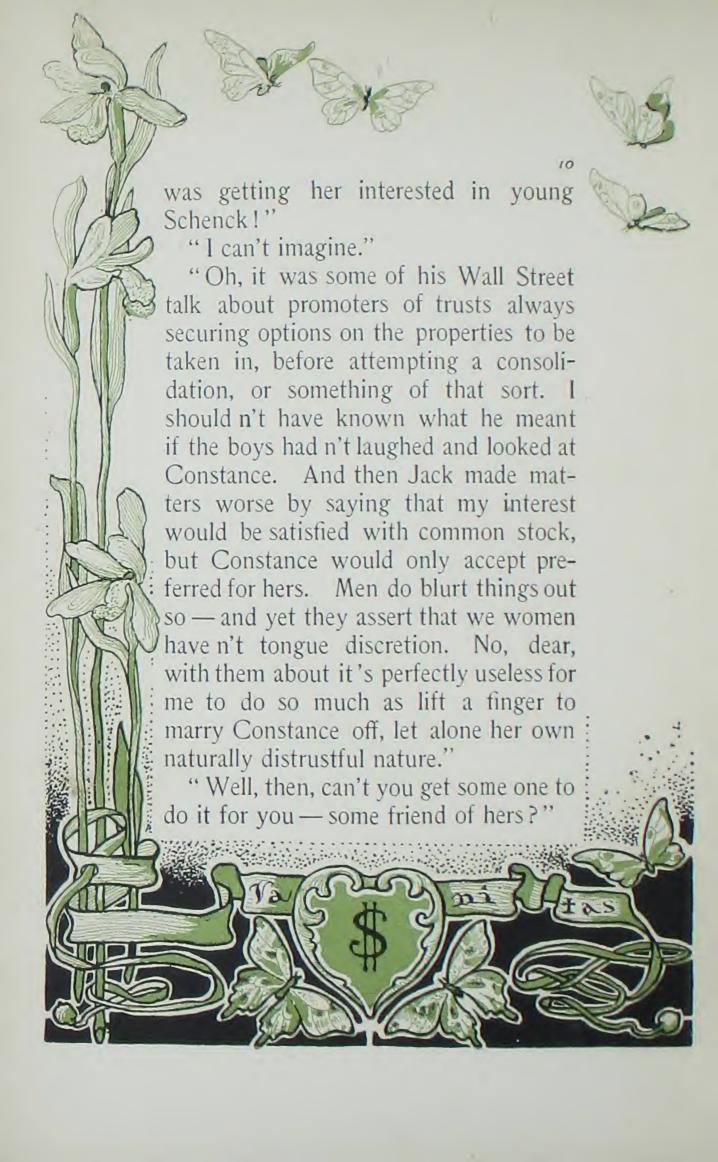


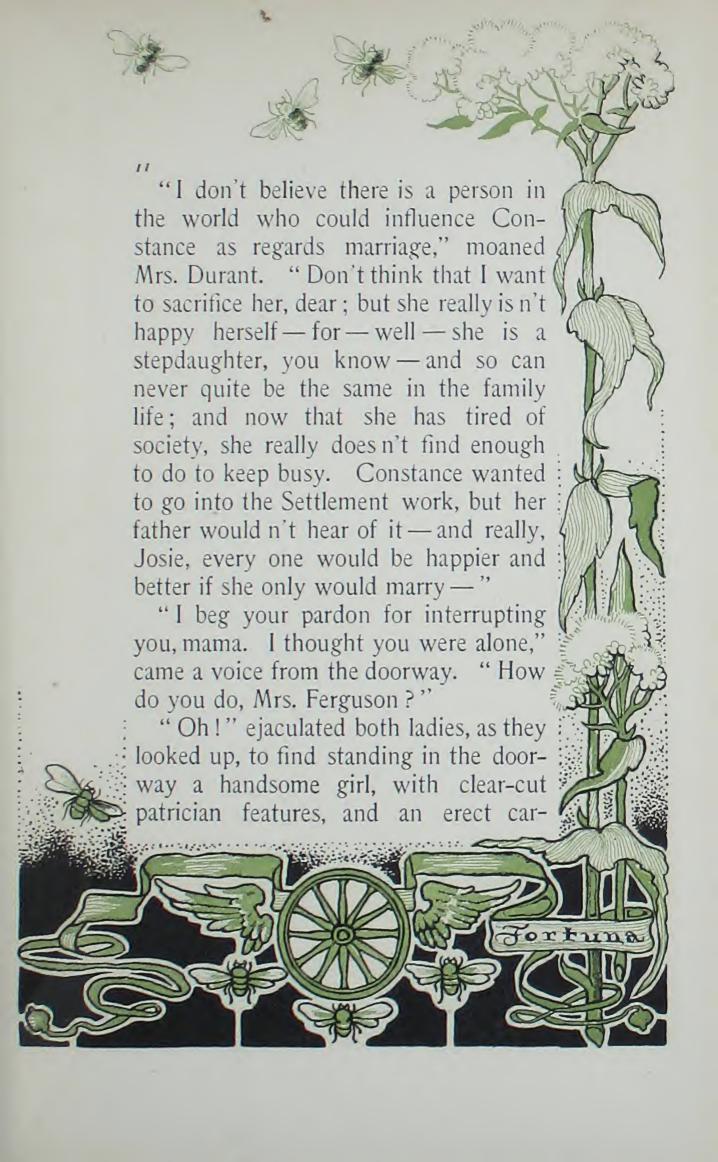


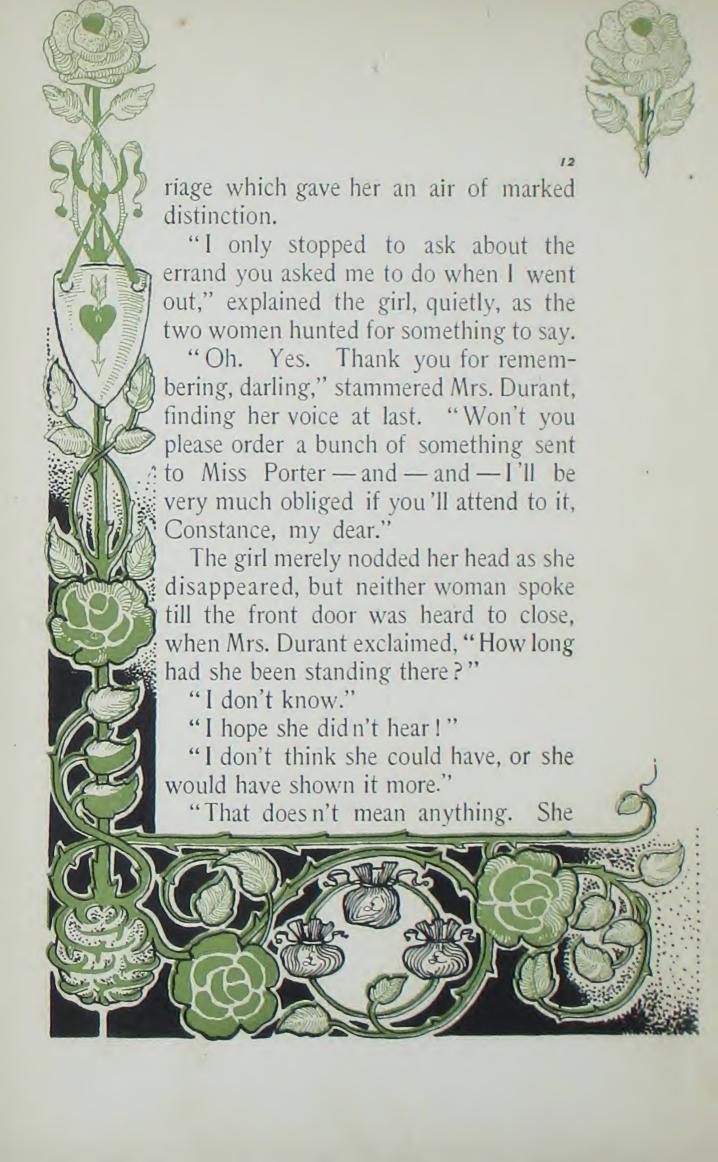




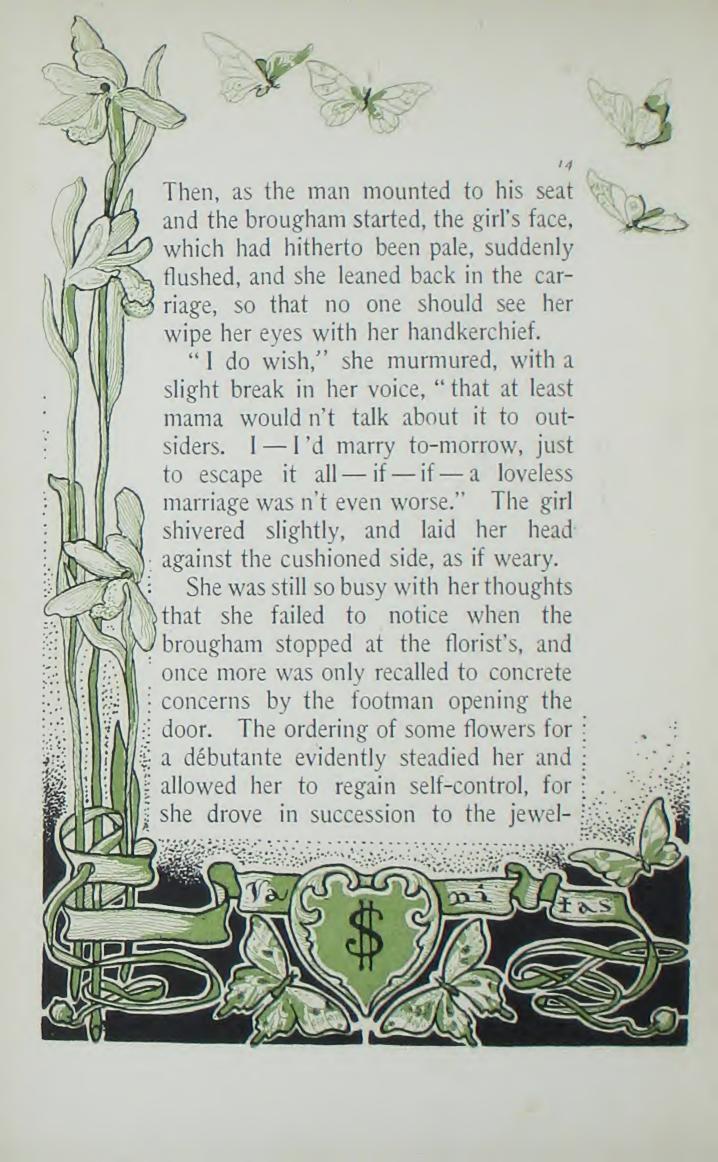


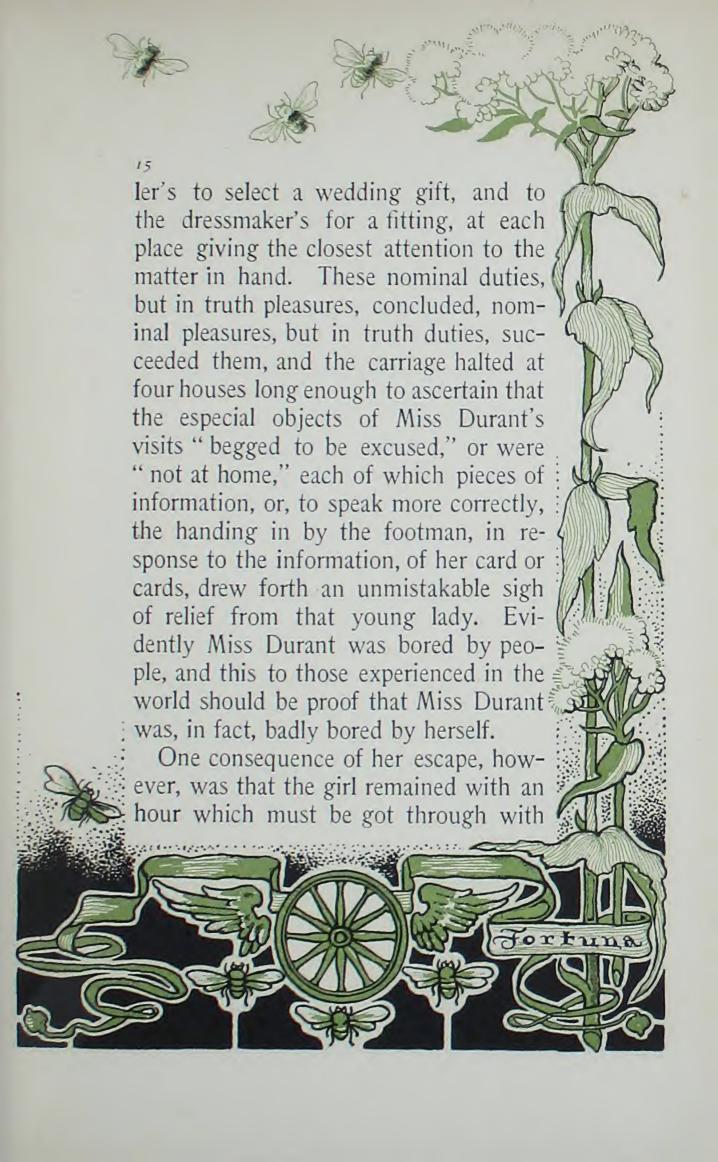


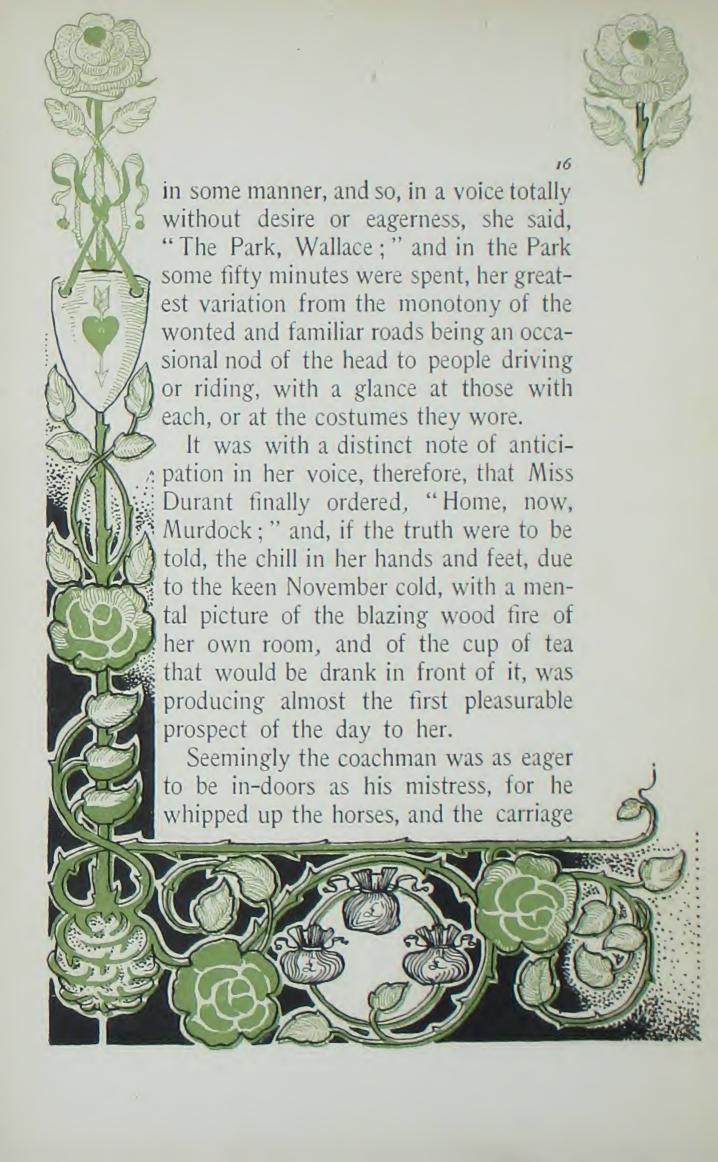


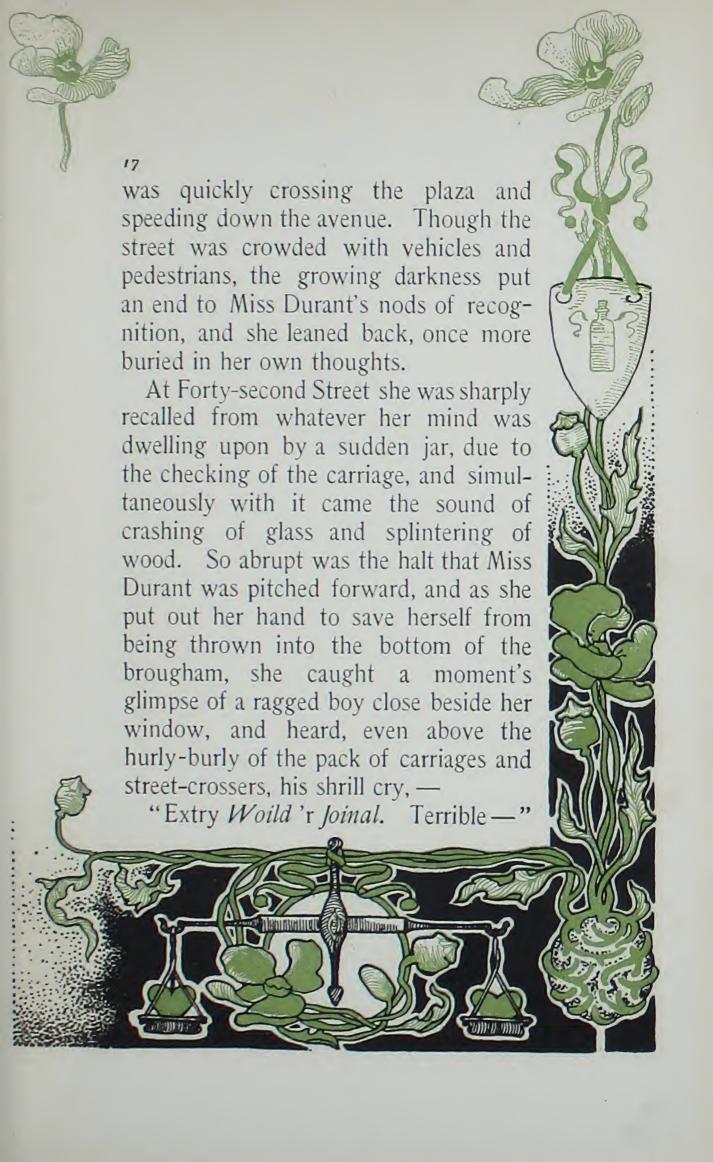


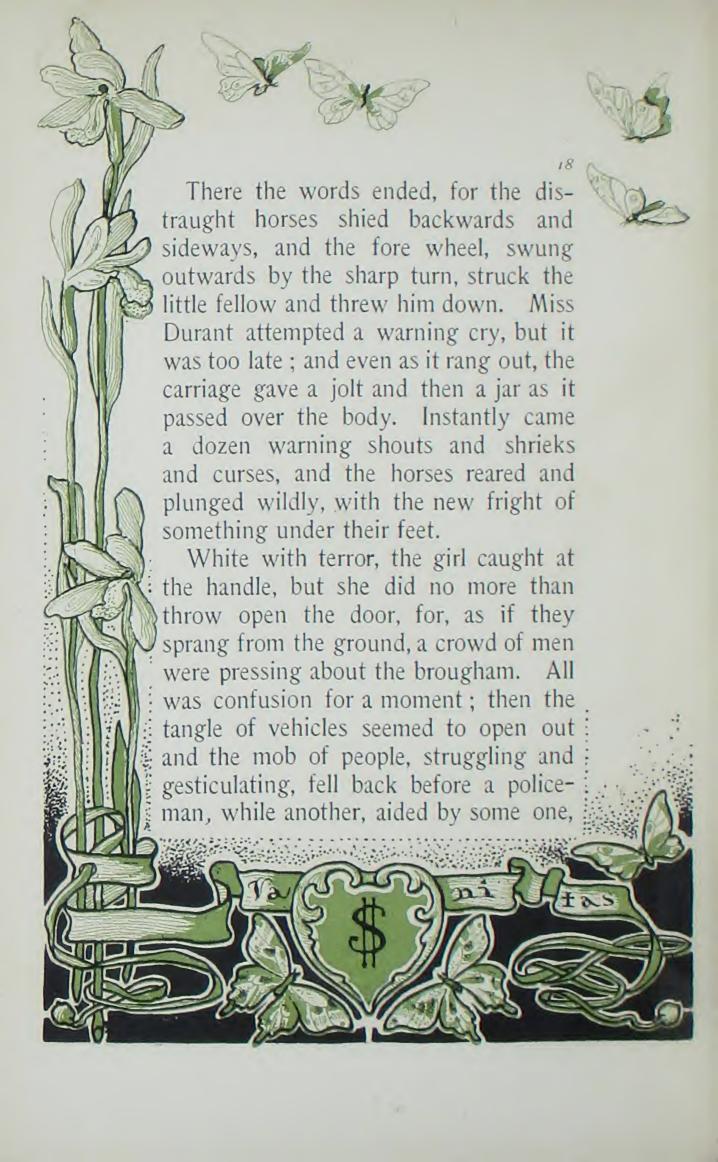
13 never shows anything outwardly. And really, though I would n't purposely have said it to her, I'm not sure that I hope she did n't hear it — for — well, I do wish some one would give her just such advice." "My dear, it is n't a case for advice; it's a case for match-making," reiterated Mrs. Ferguson, as she once more held out her hand. Meanwhile Miss Durant thoughtfully went down the steps to her carriage, so abstracted from what she was doing that after the footman tucked the fur robe about her feet, he stood waiting for his orders; and finally, realising his mistress's unconsciousness, touched hat and asked, -"Where to, Miss Constance?" With a slight start the girl came back from her meditations, and, after a moment's hesitation, gave a direction.

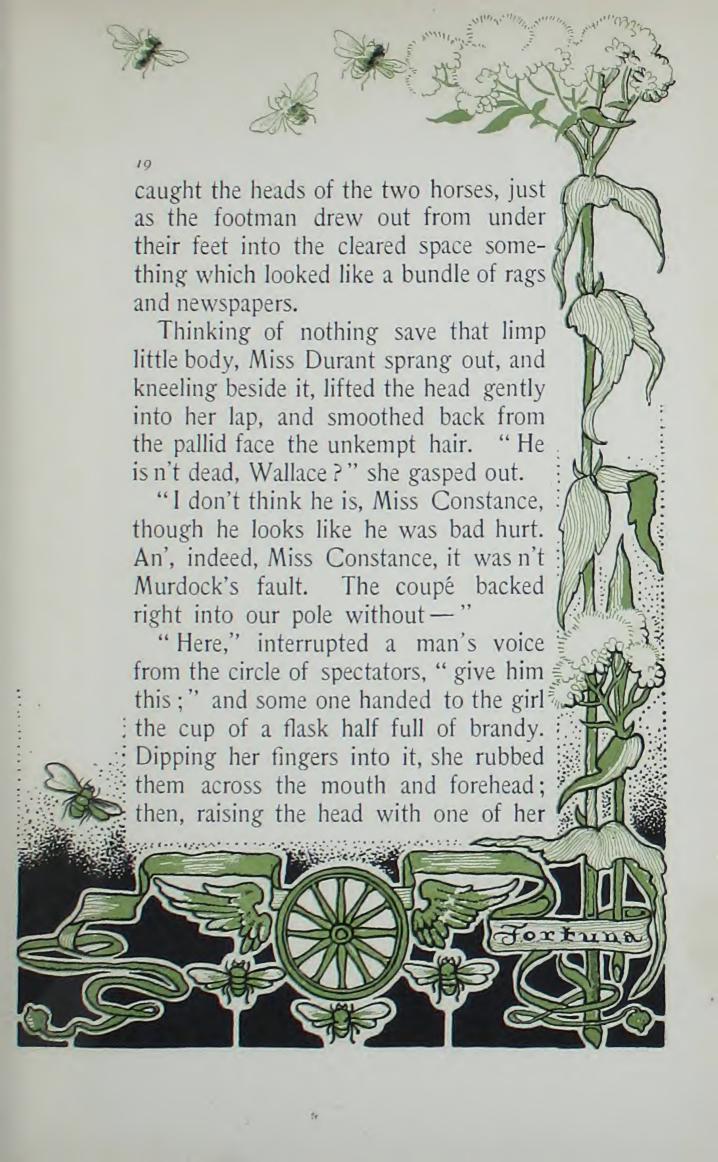


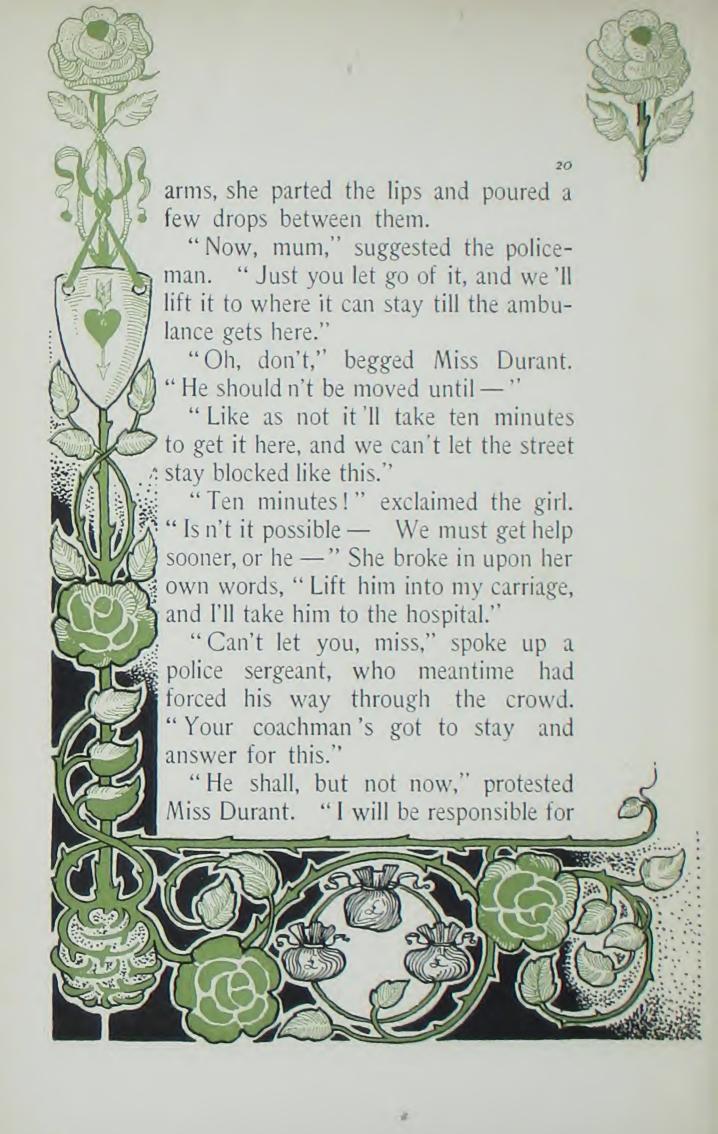








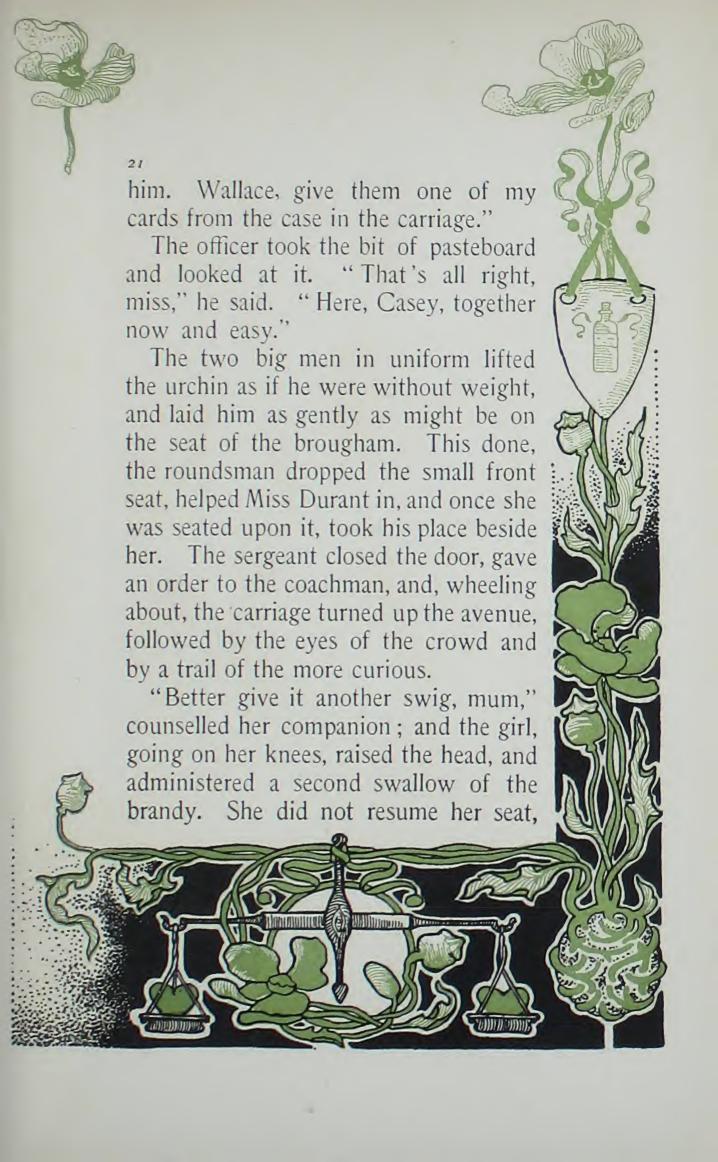


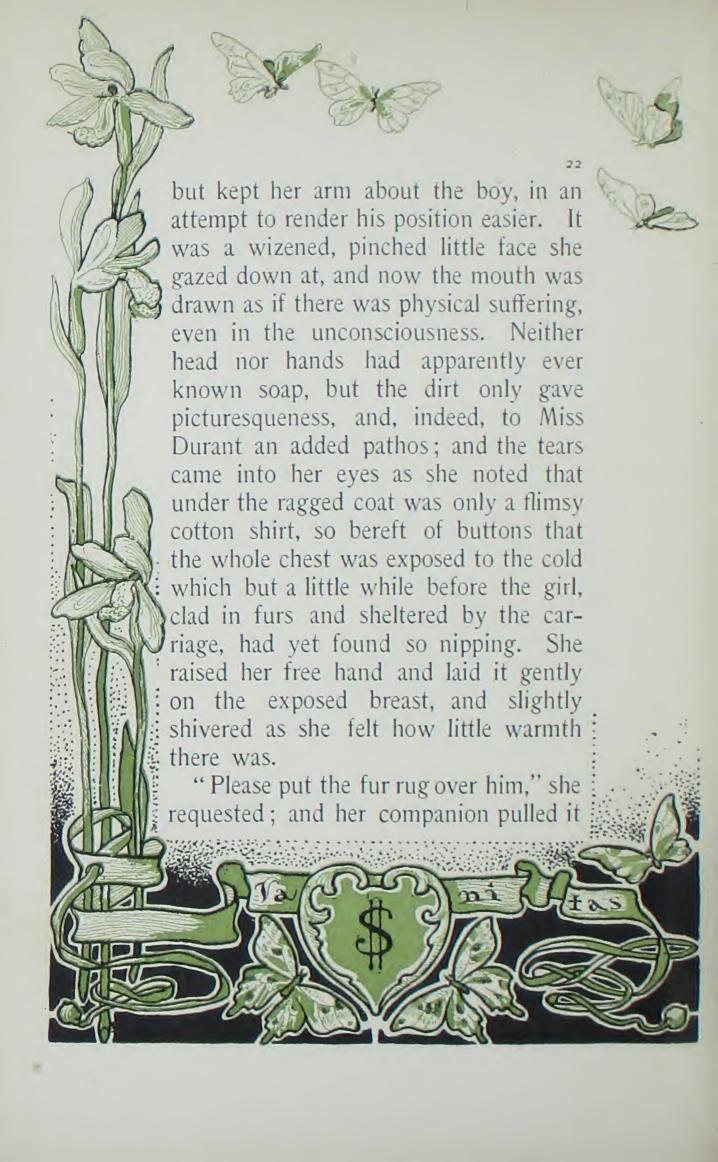


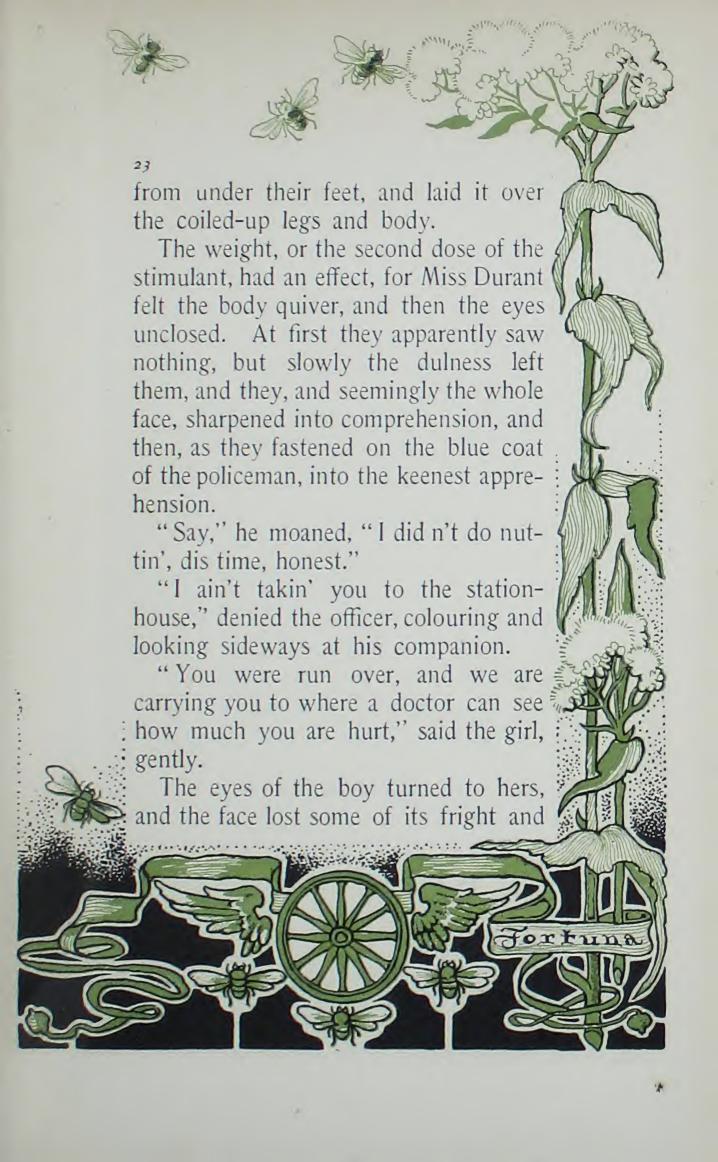
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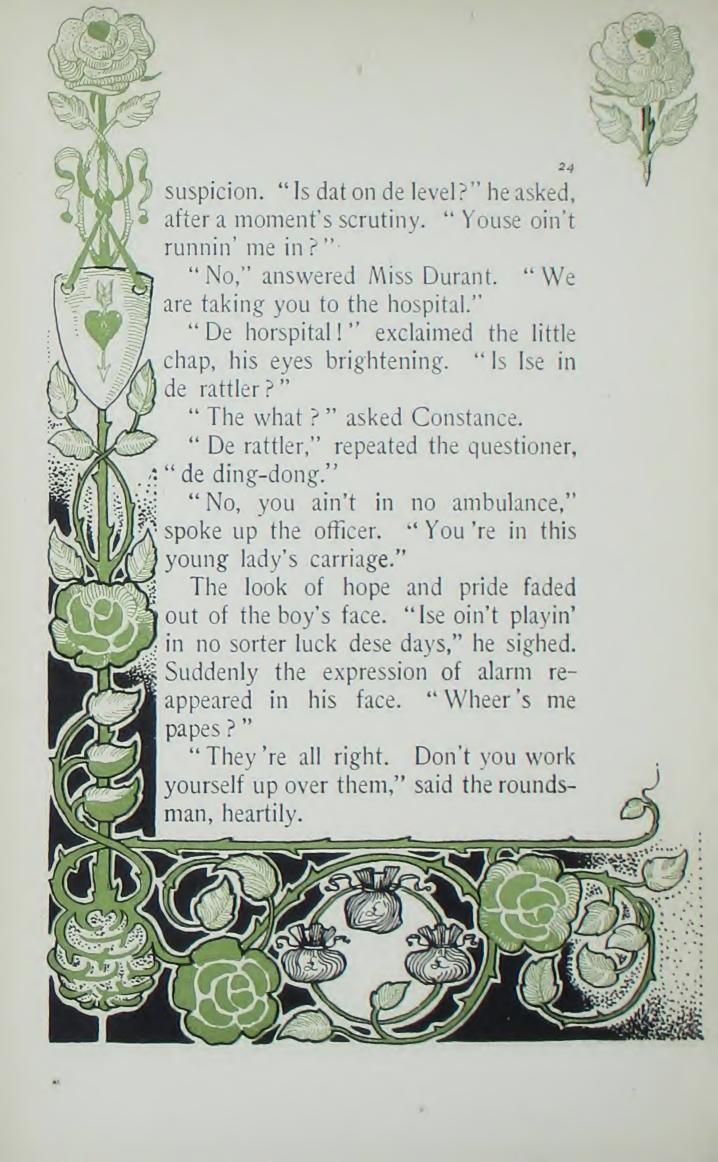


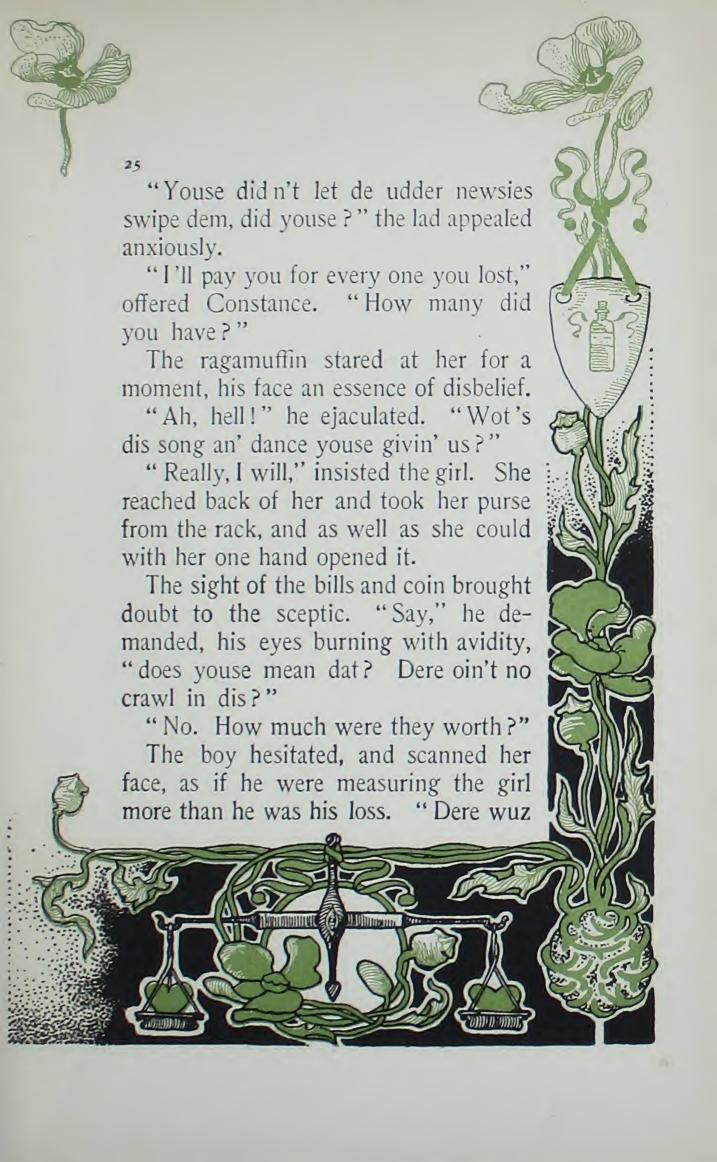


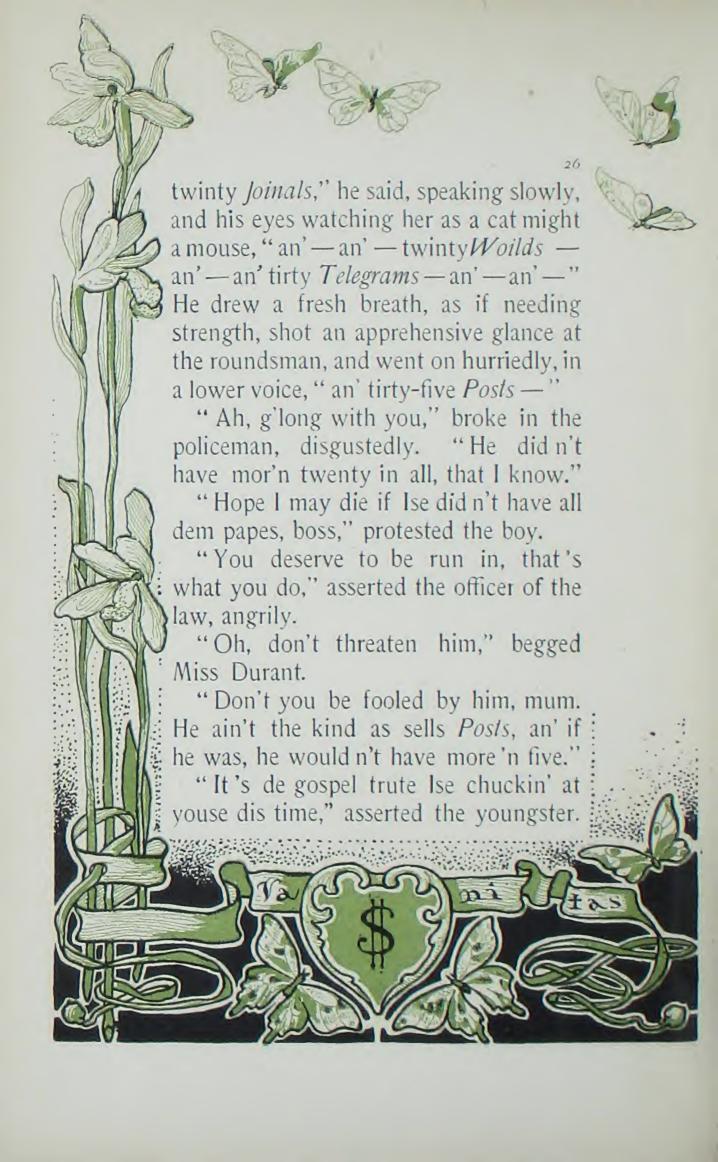




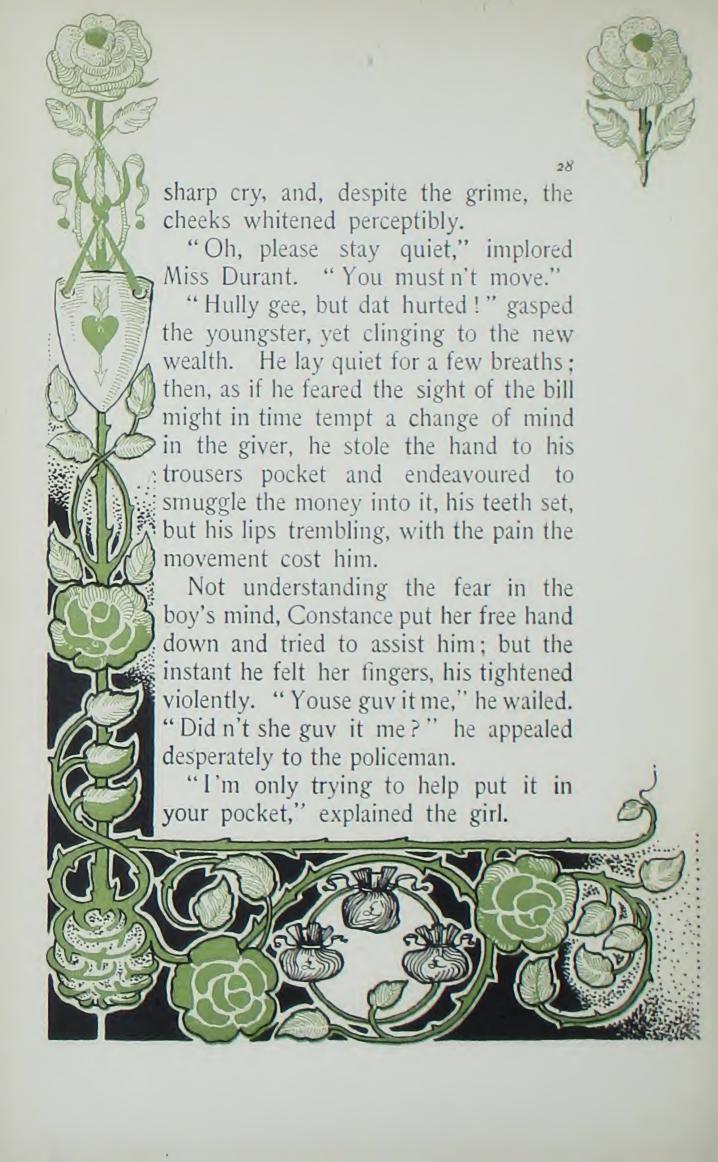


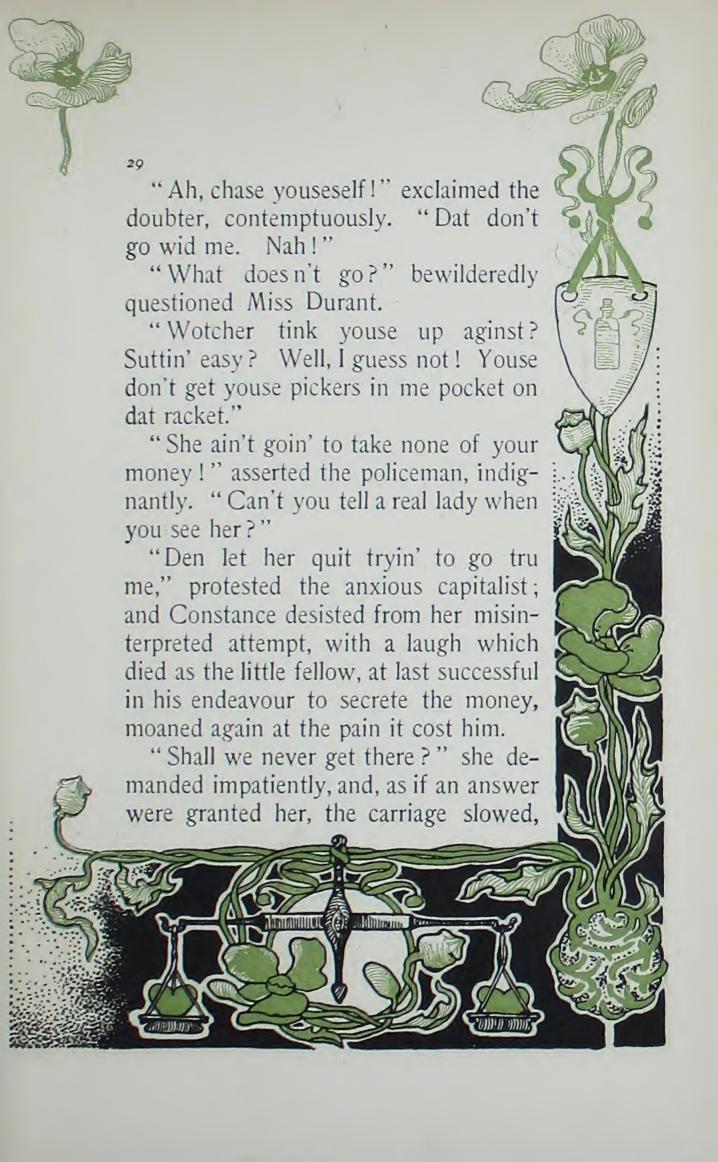


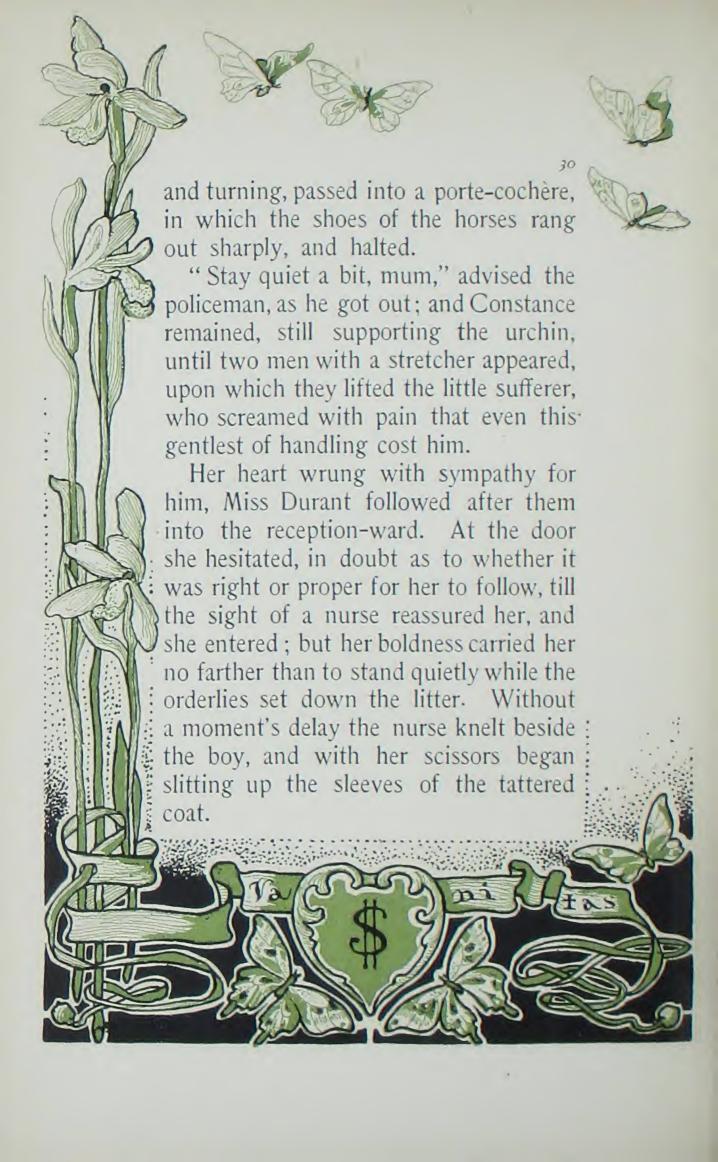


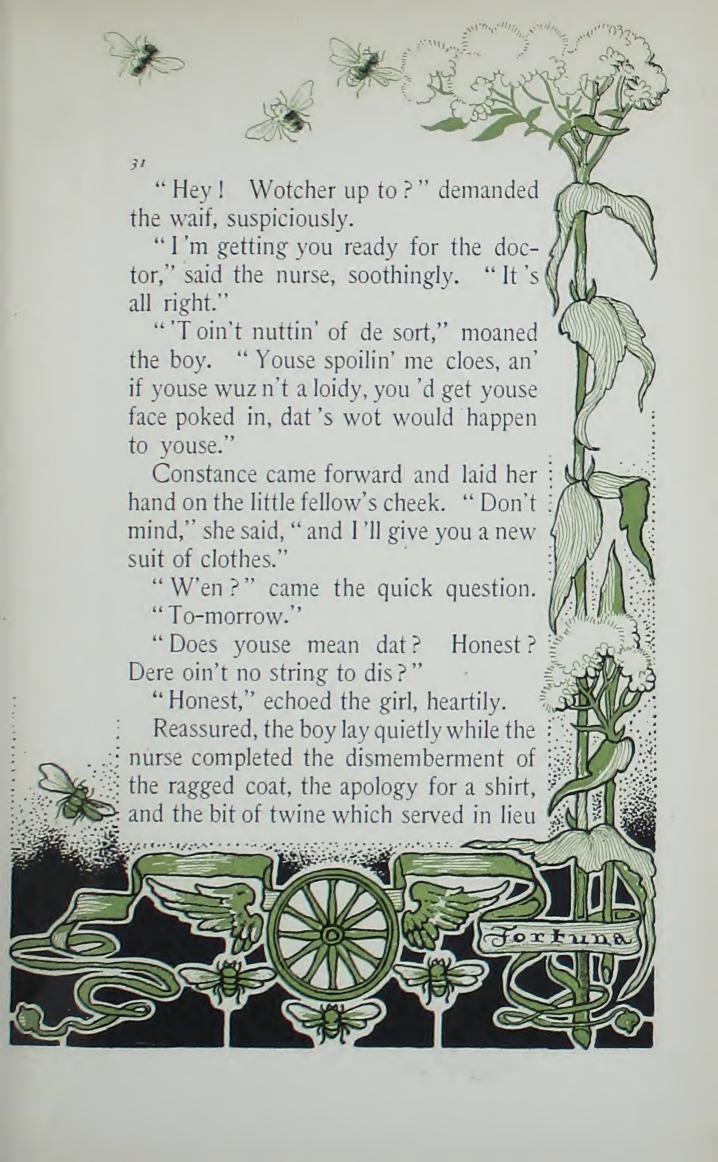


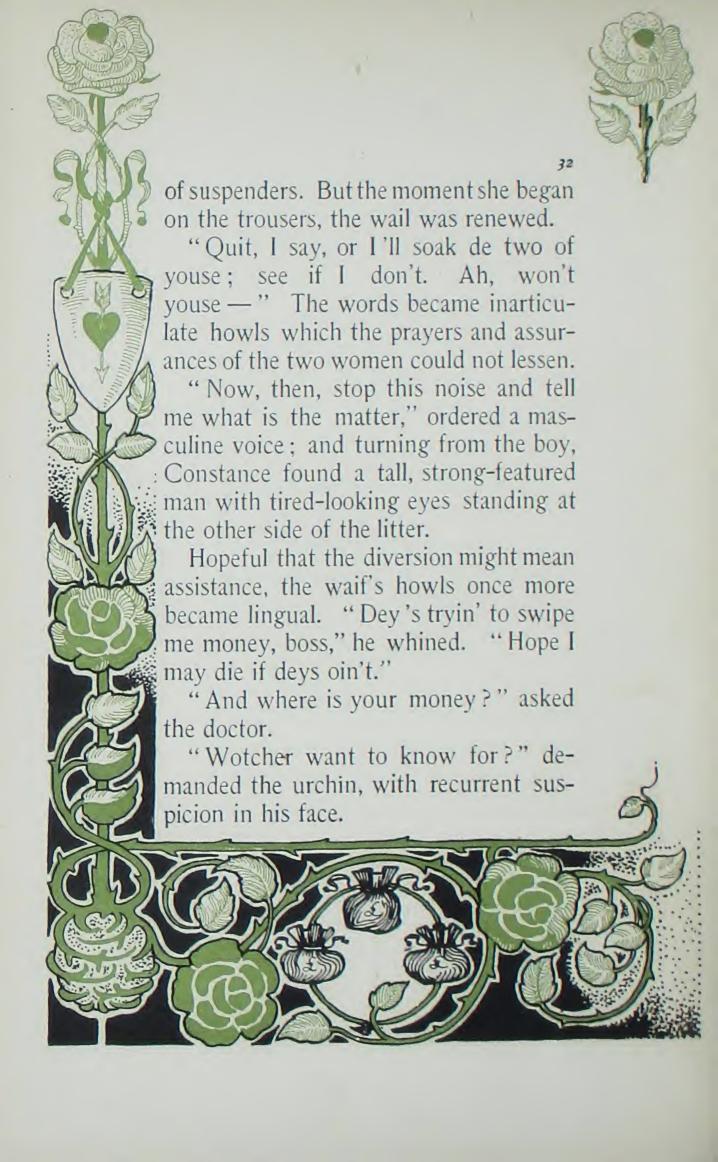


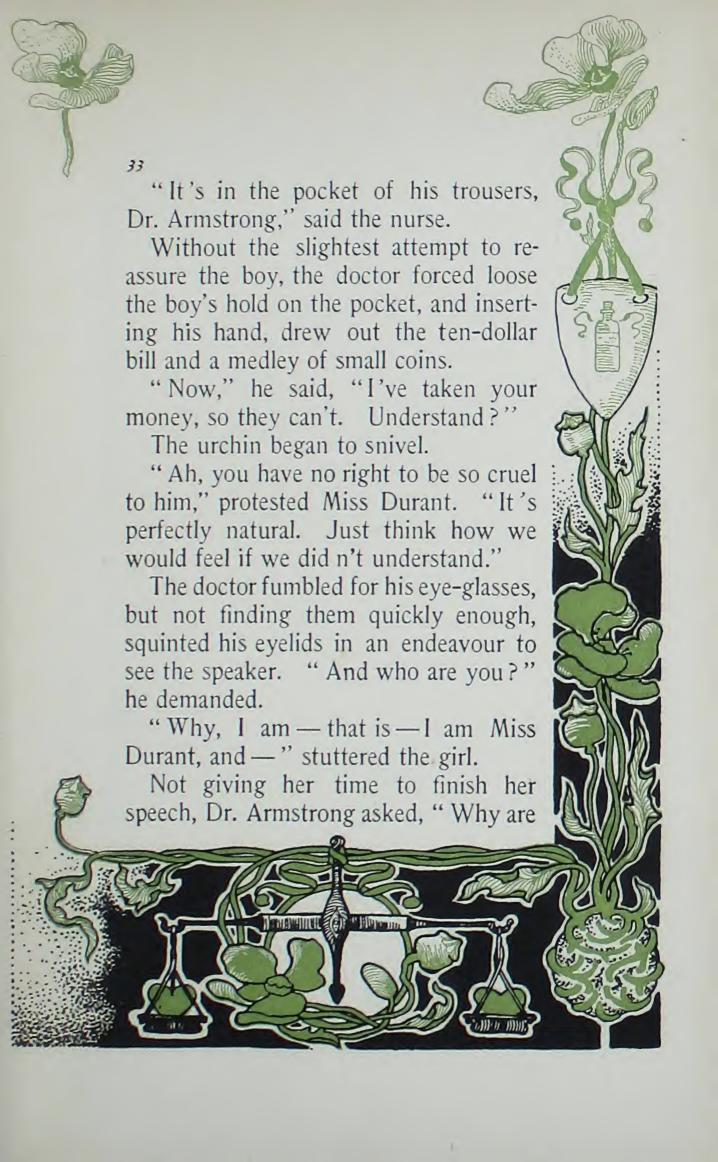


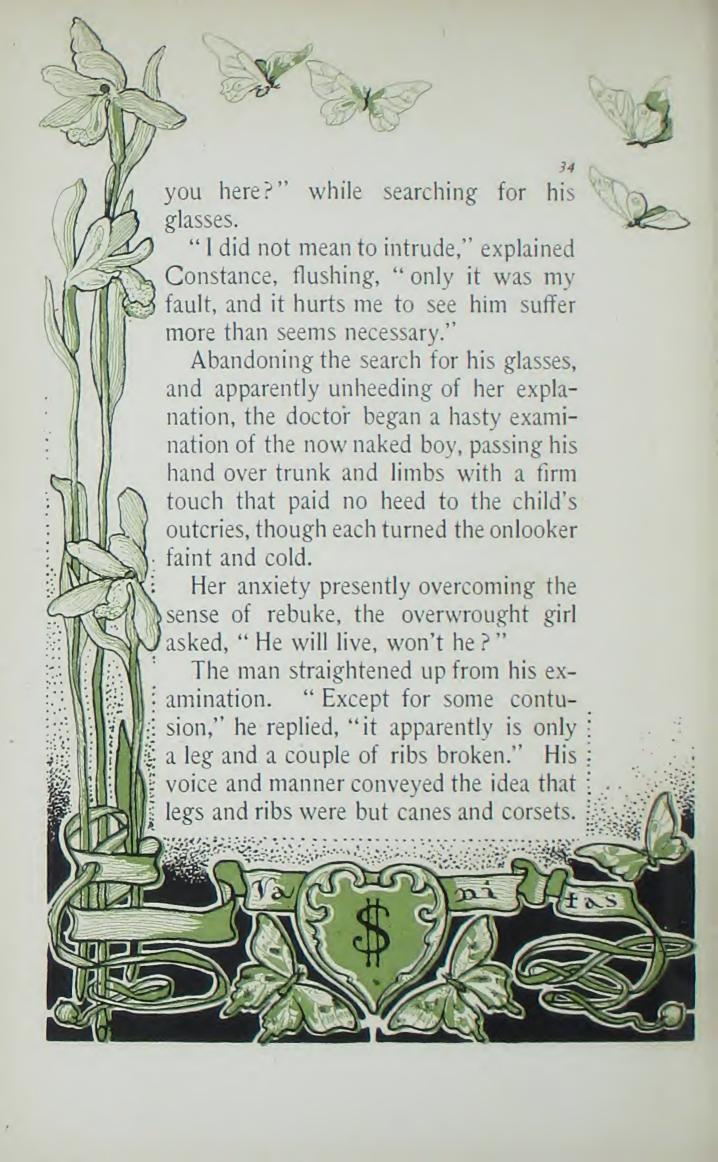


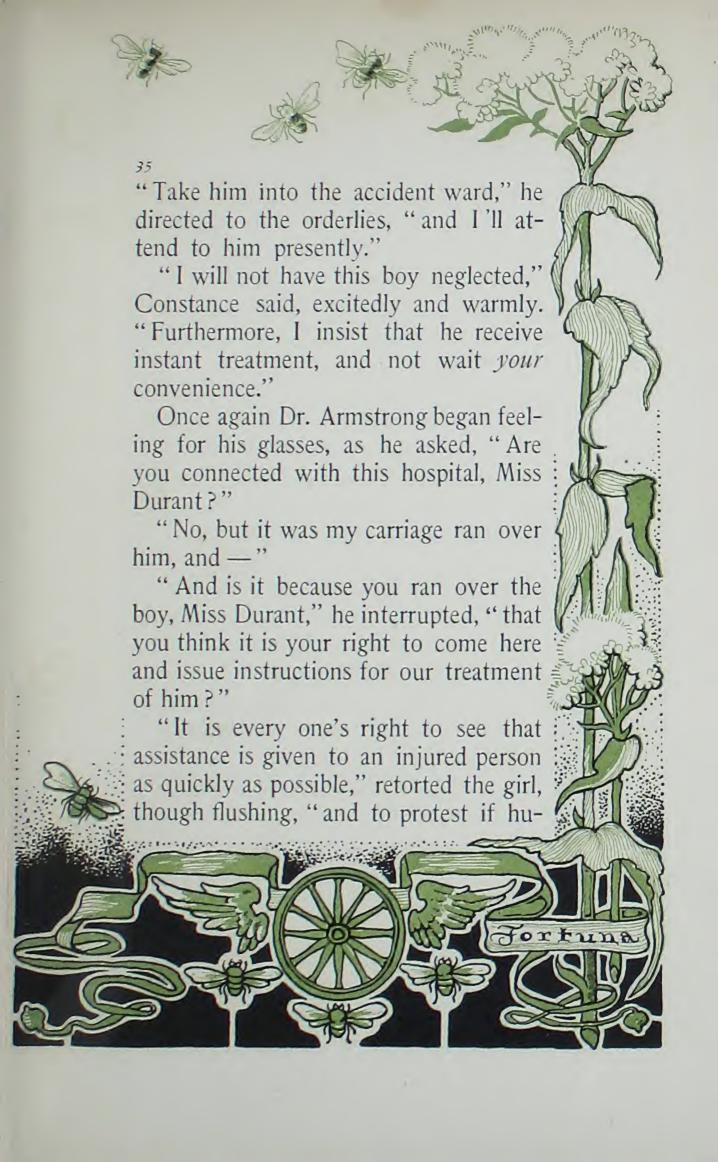


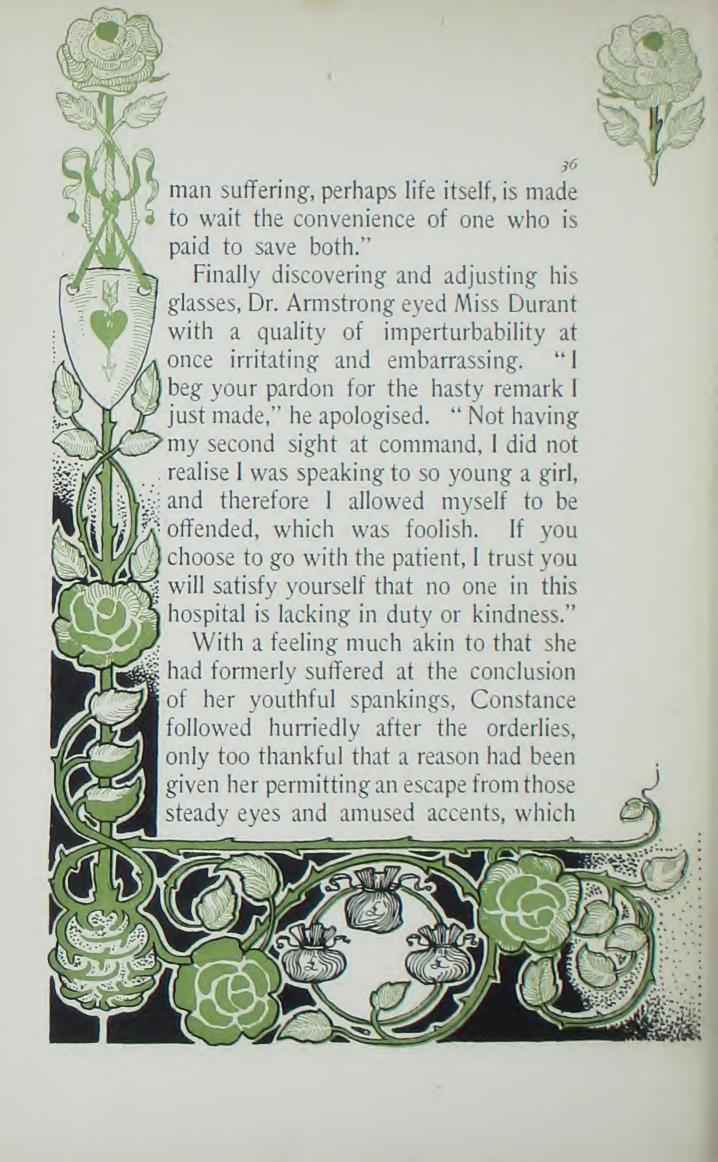


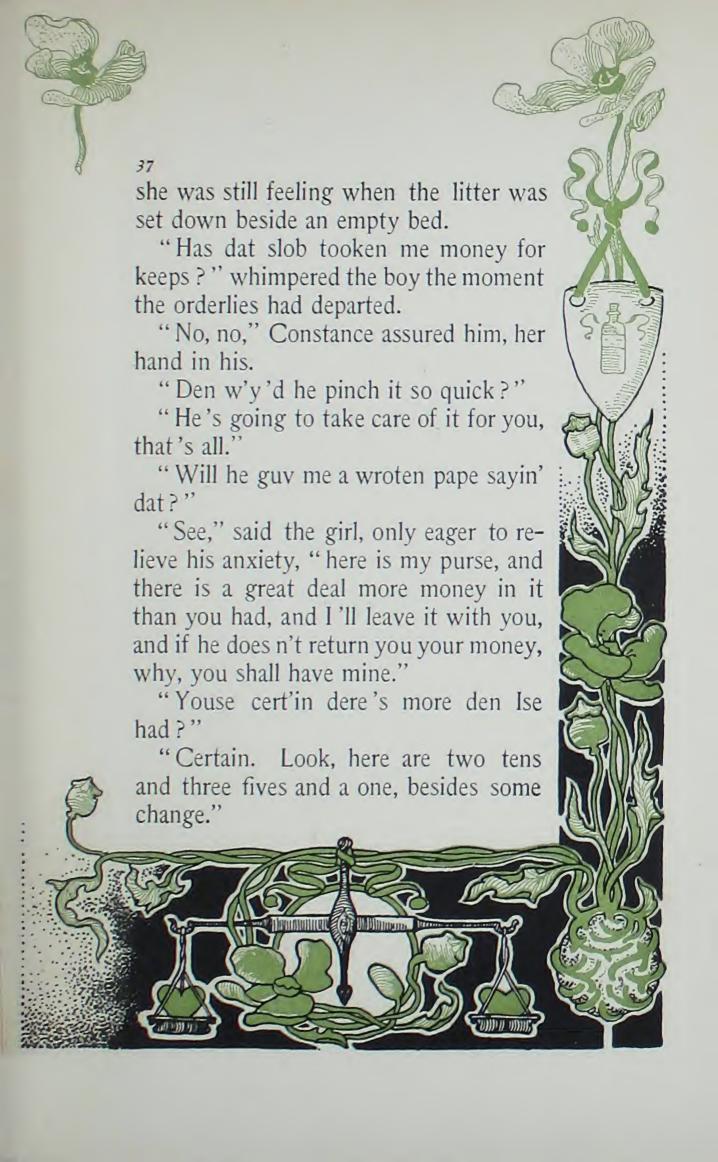


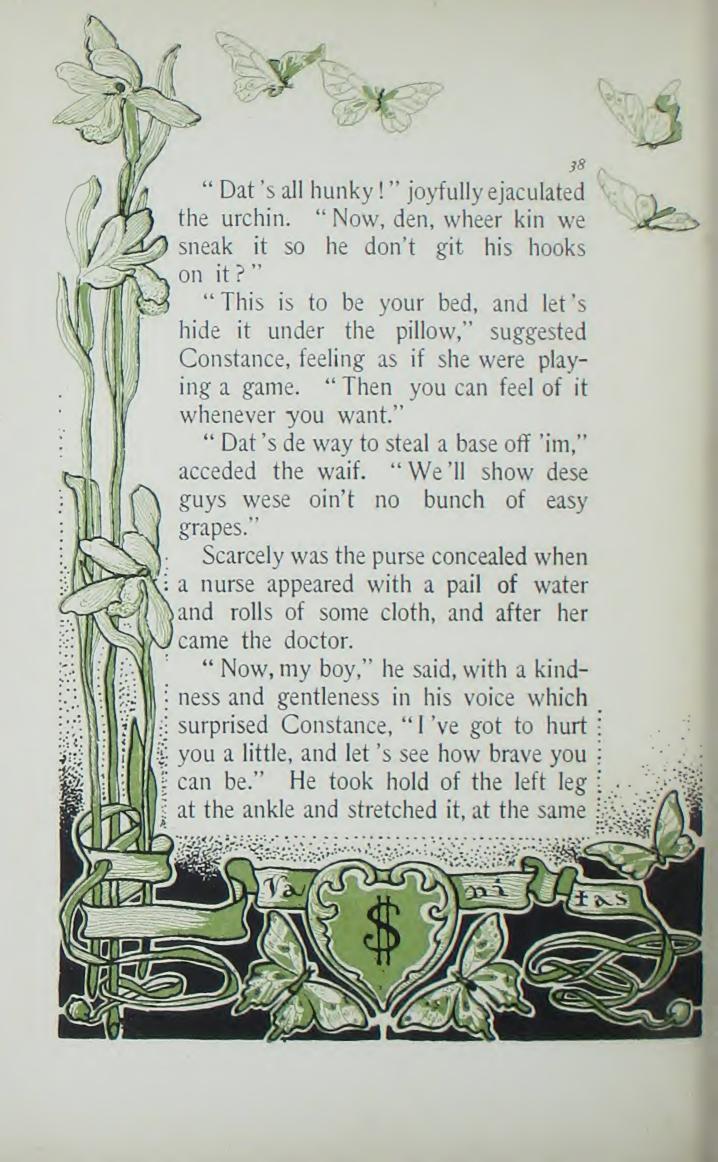


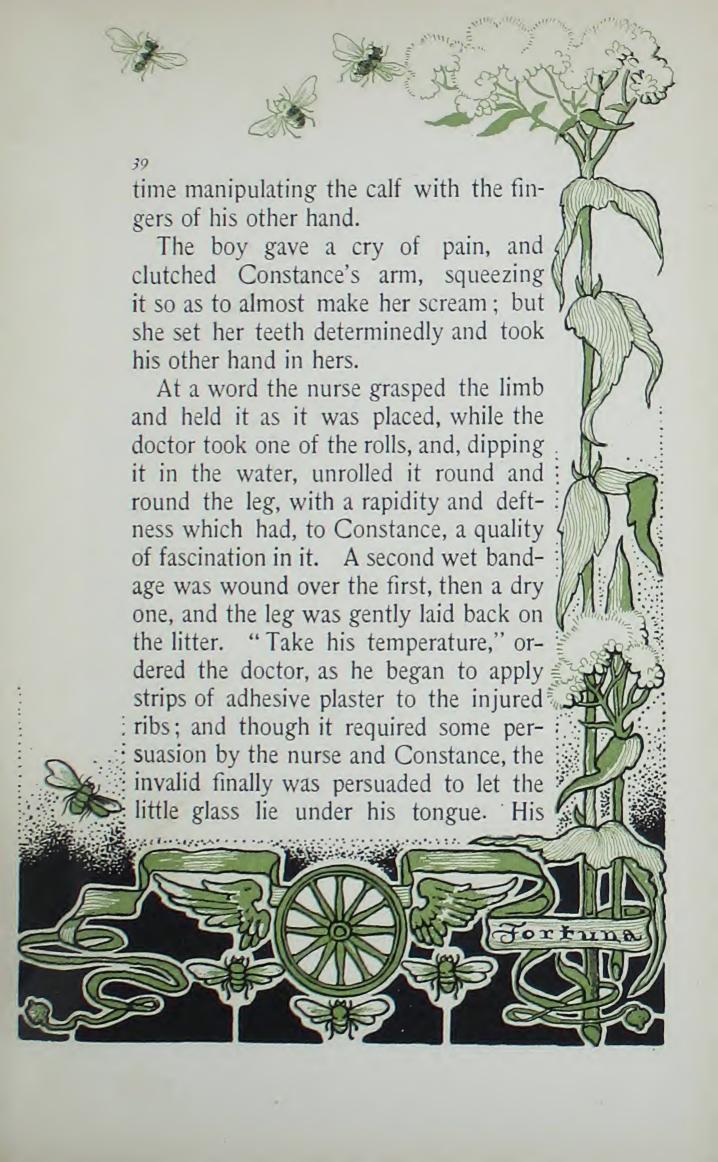


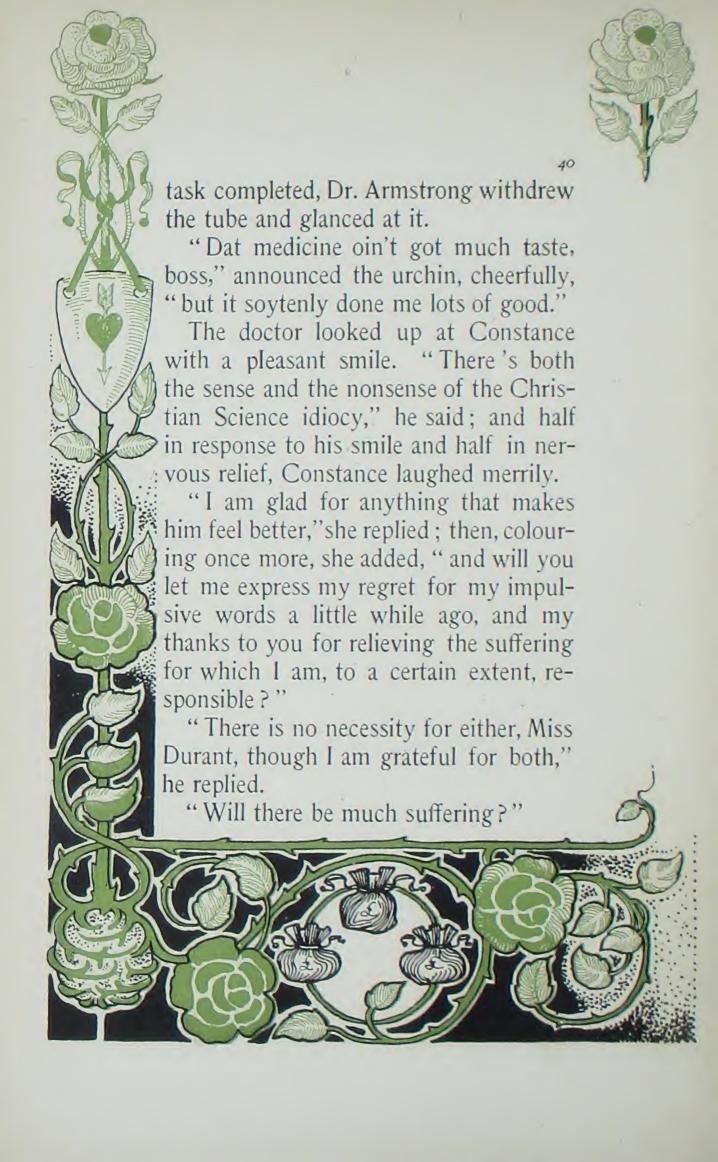


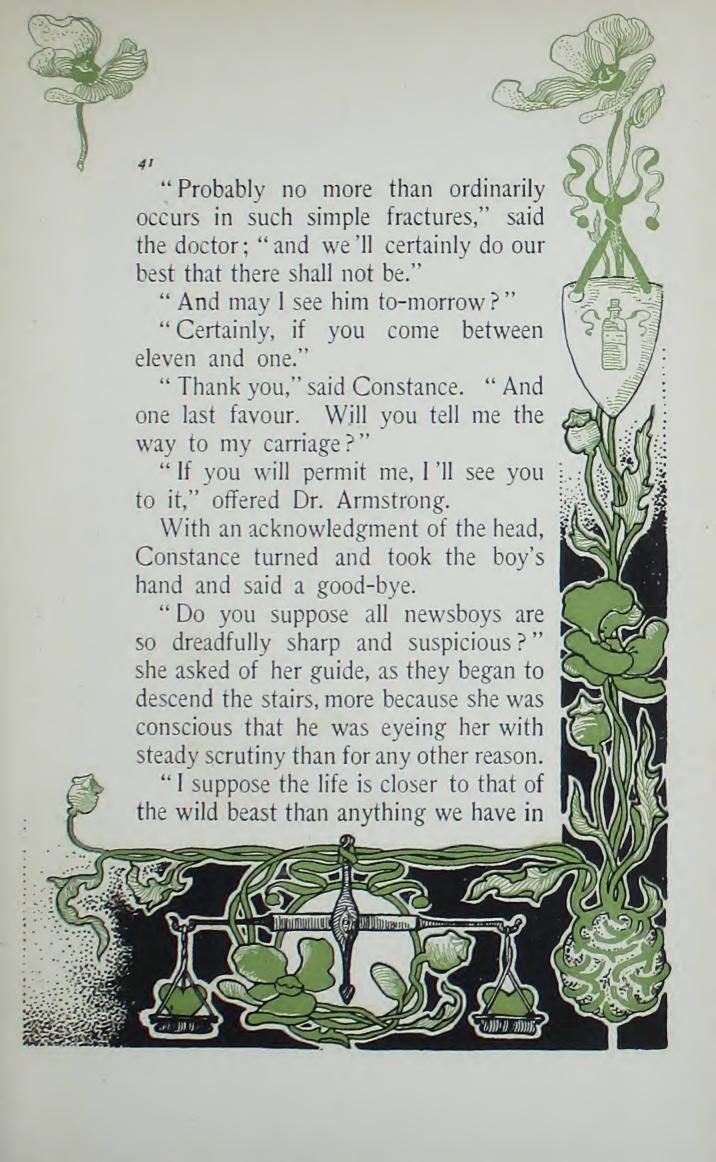


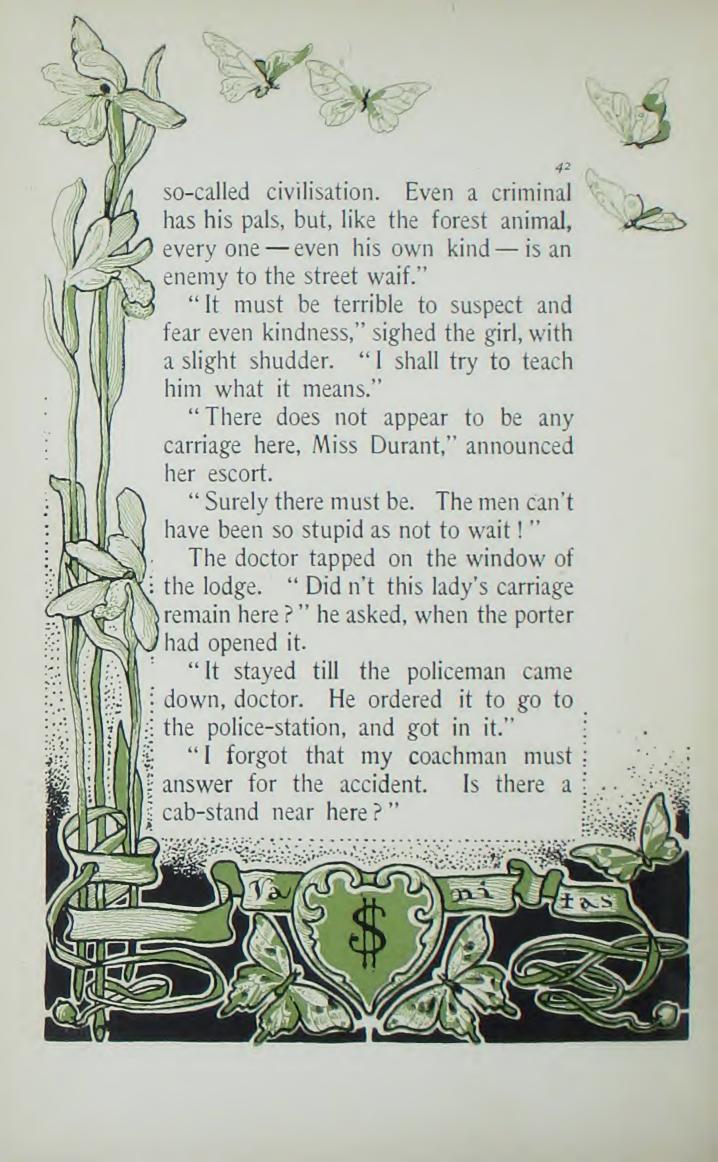


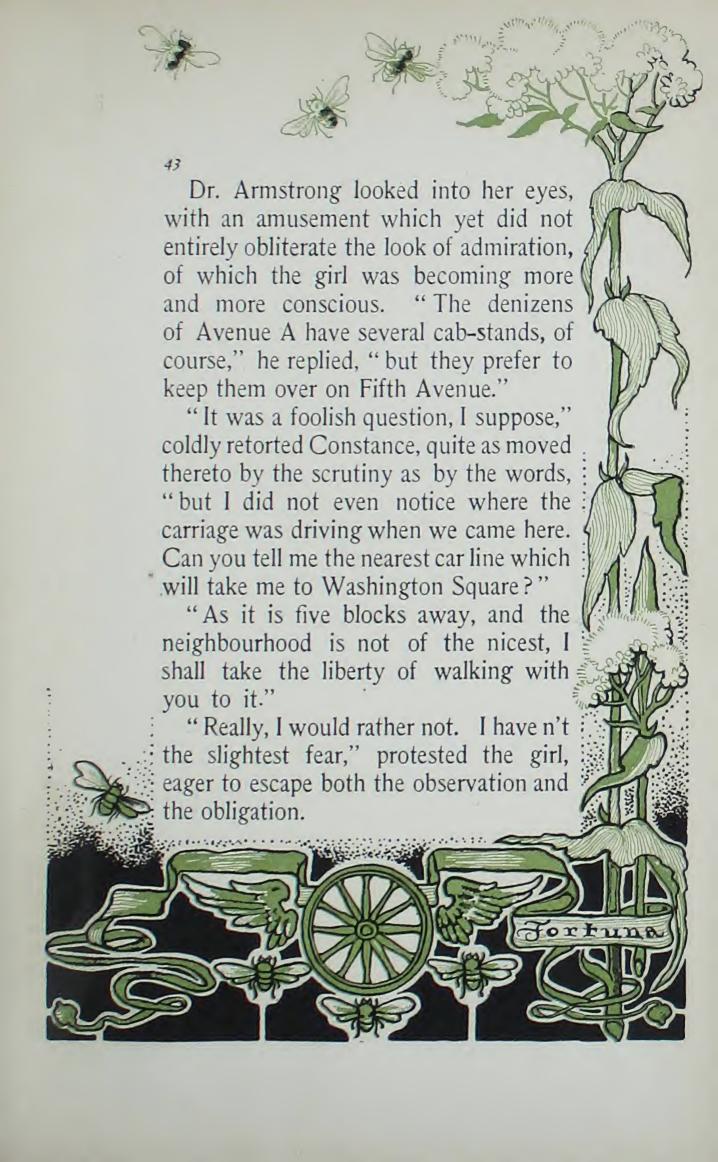


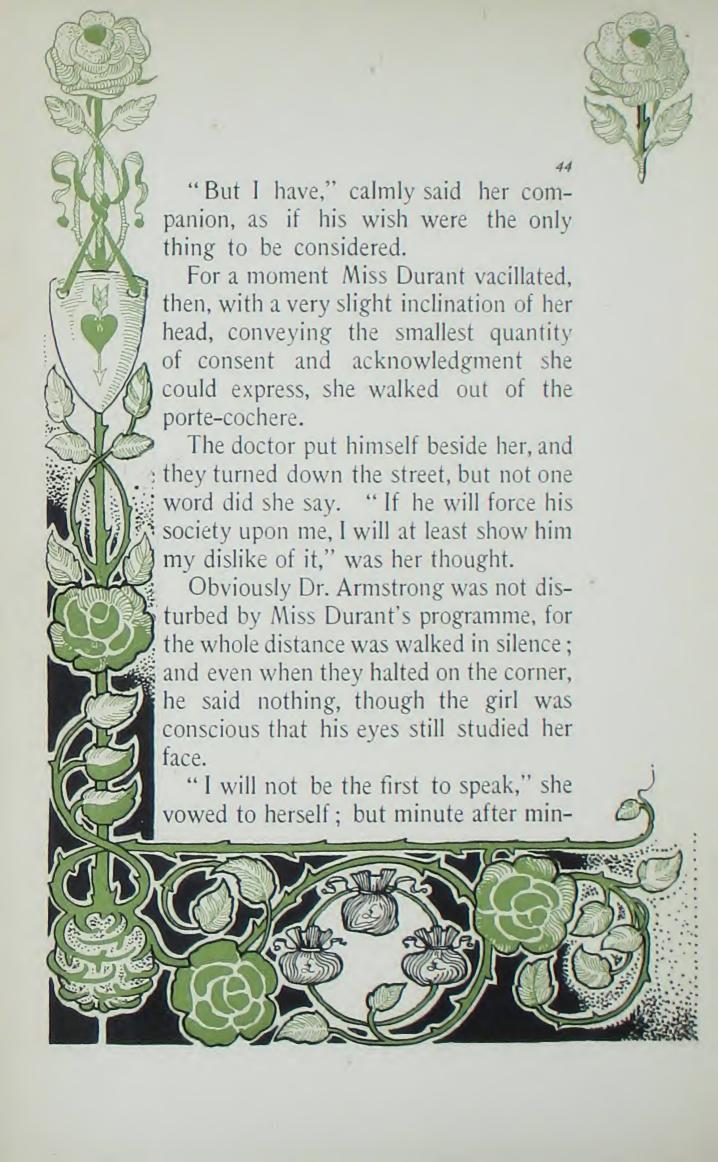


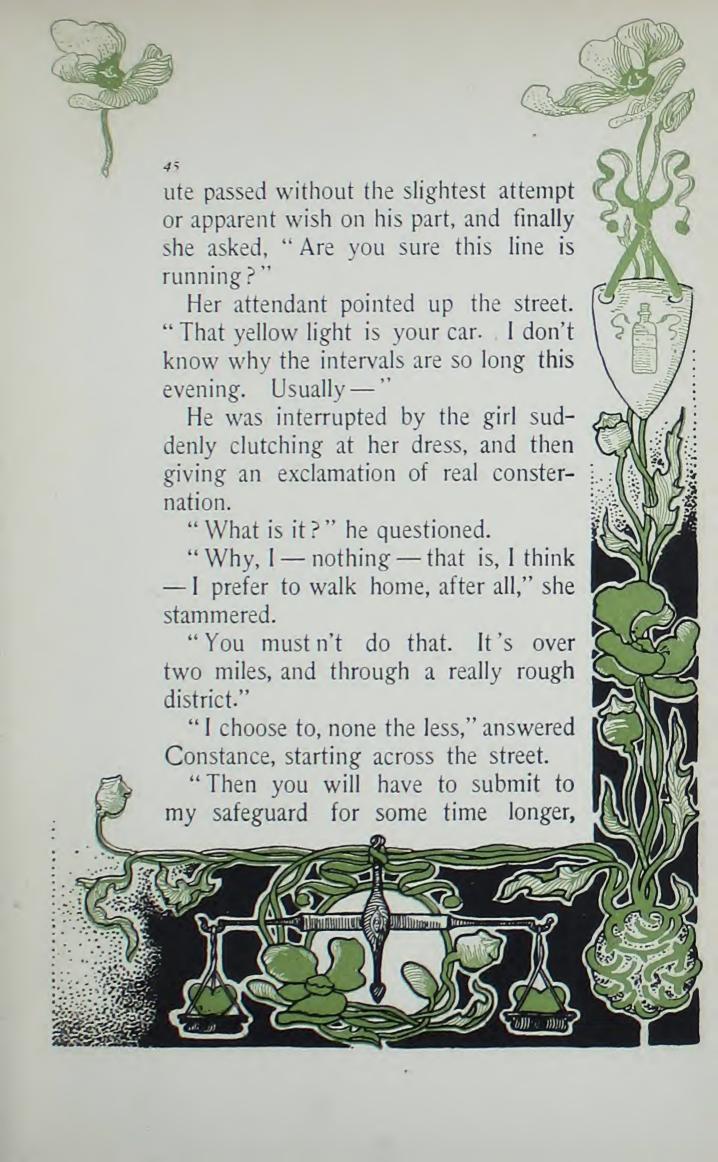


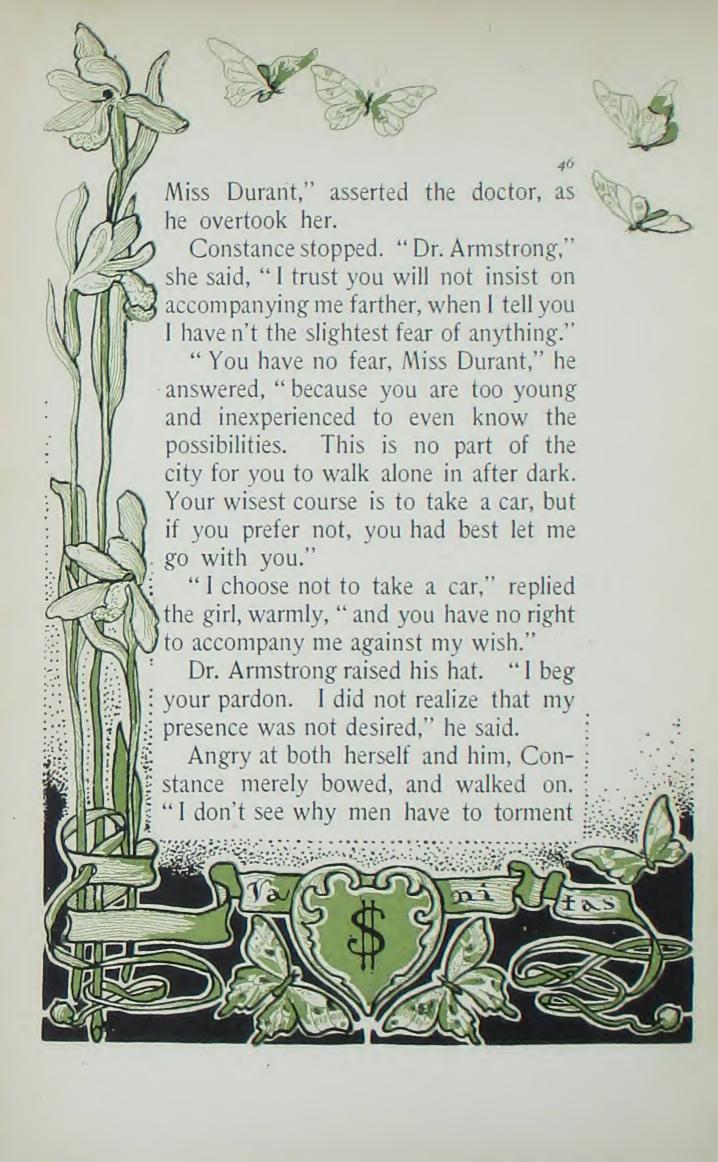


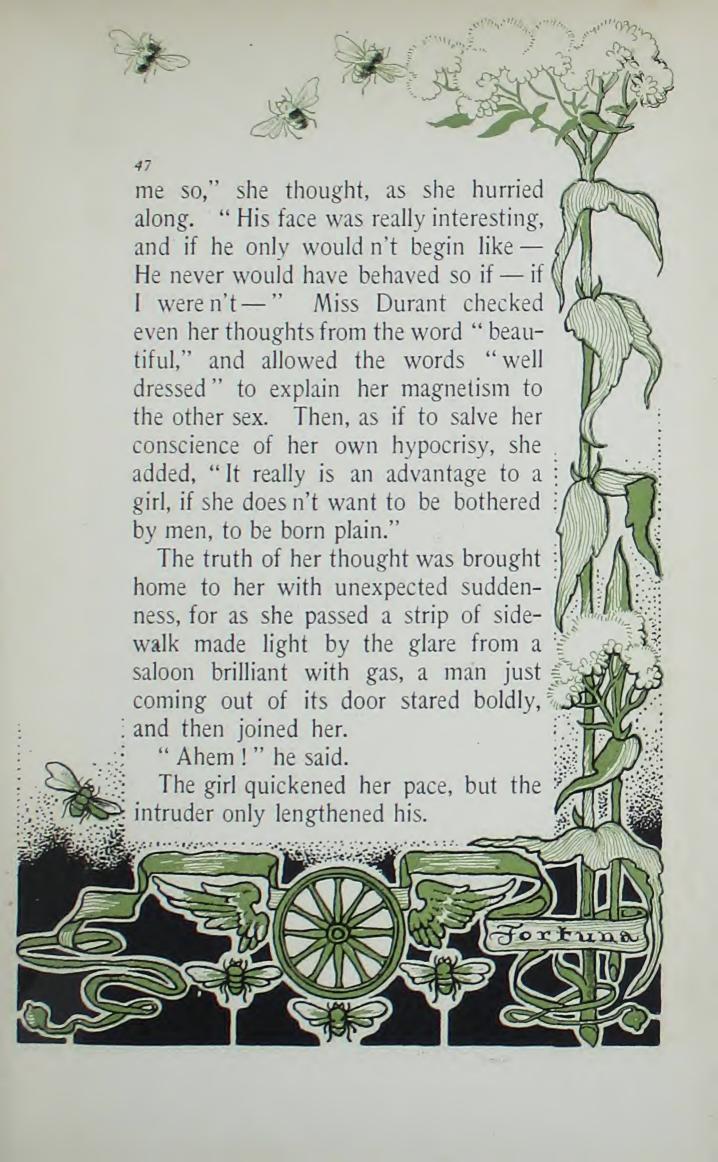


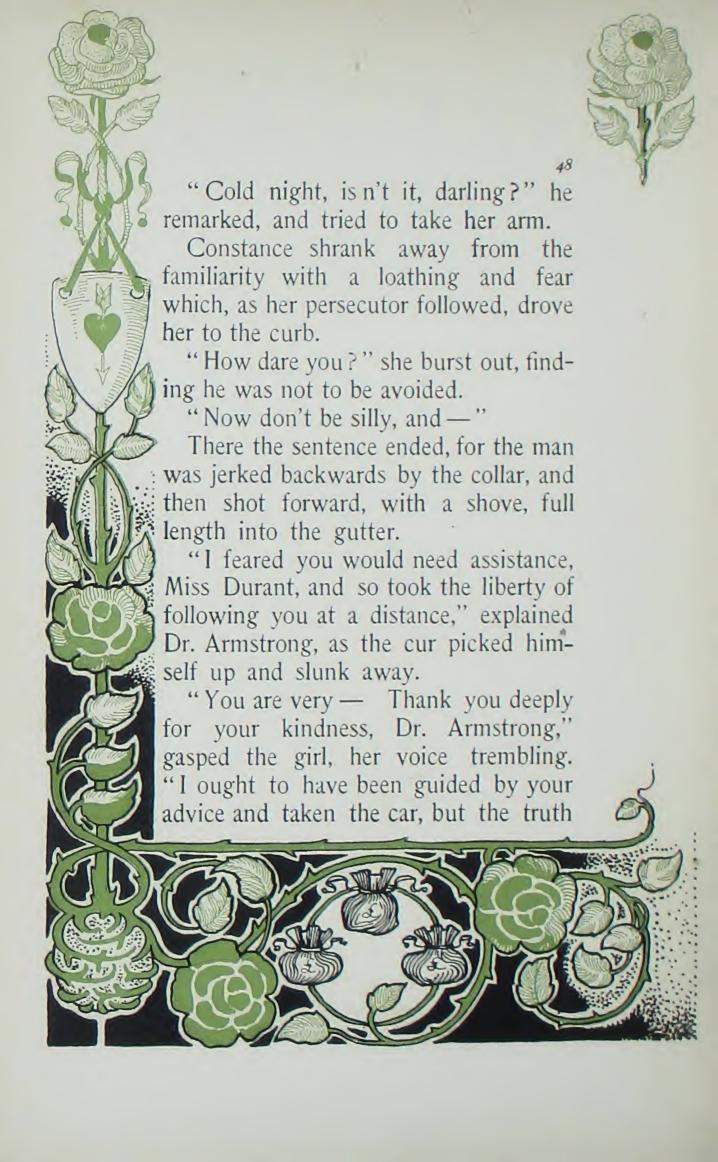


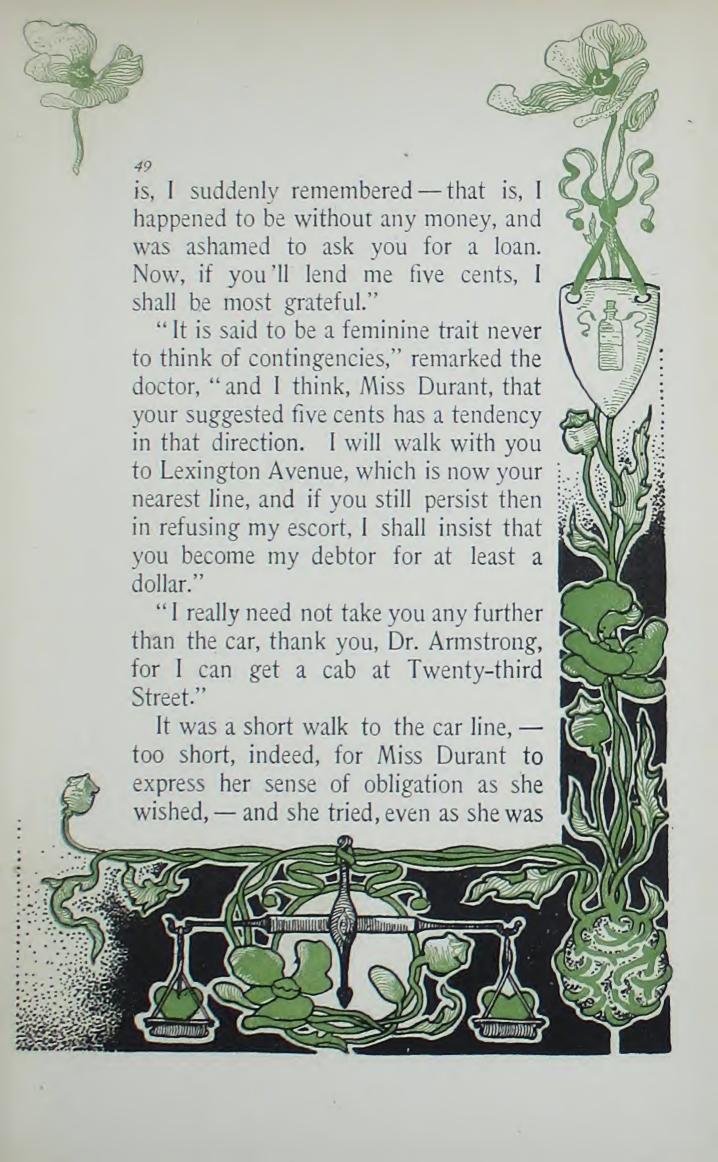


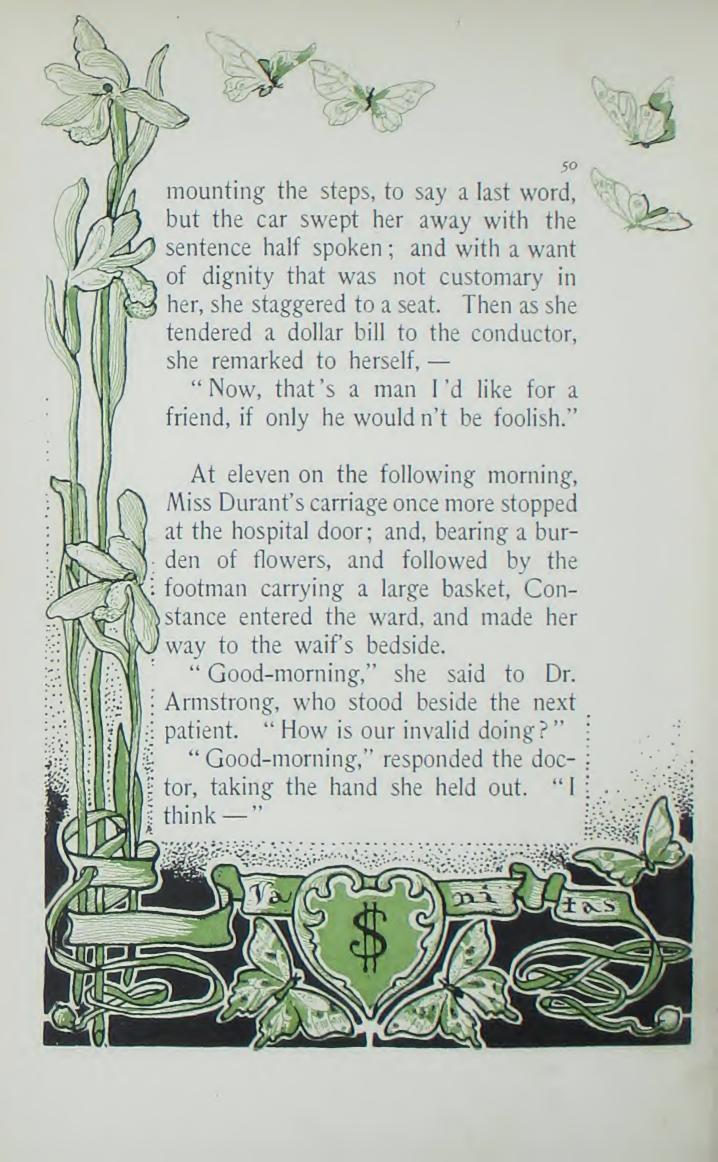


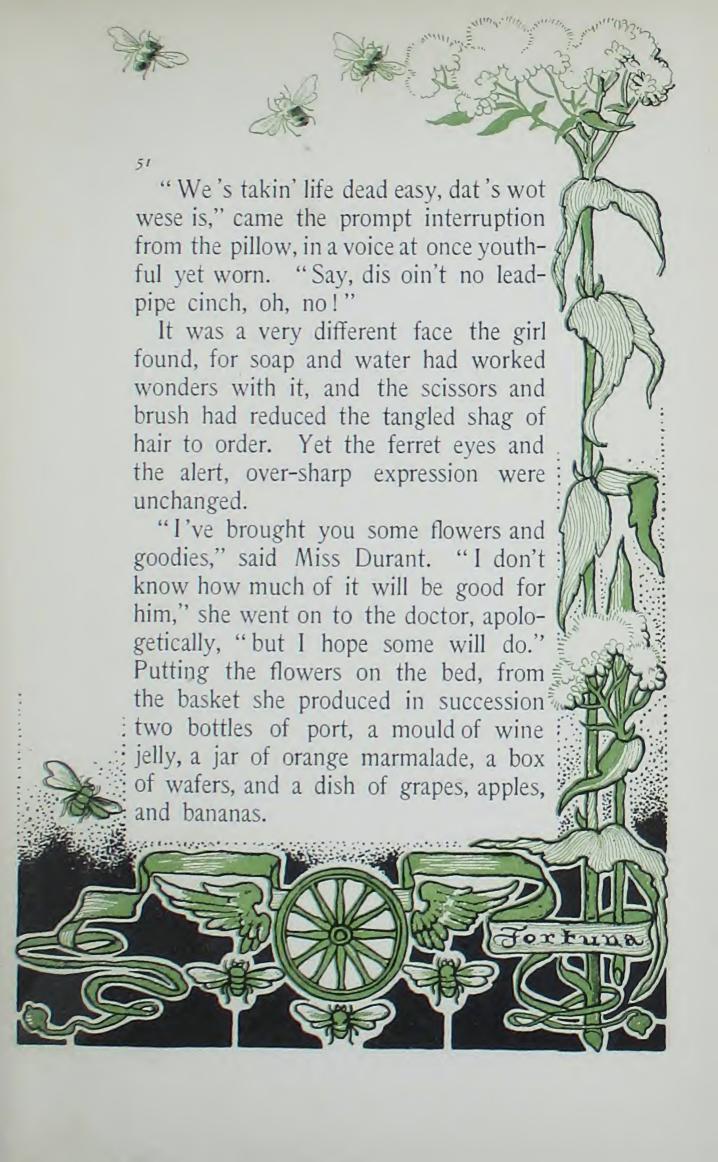


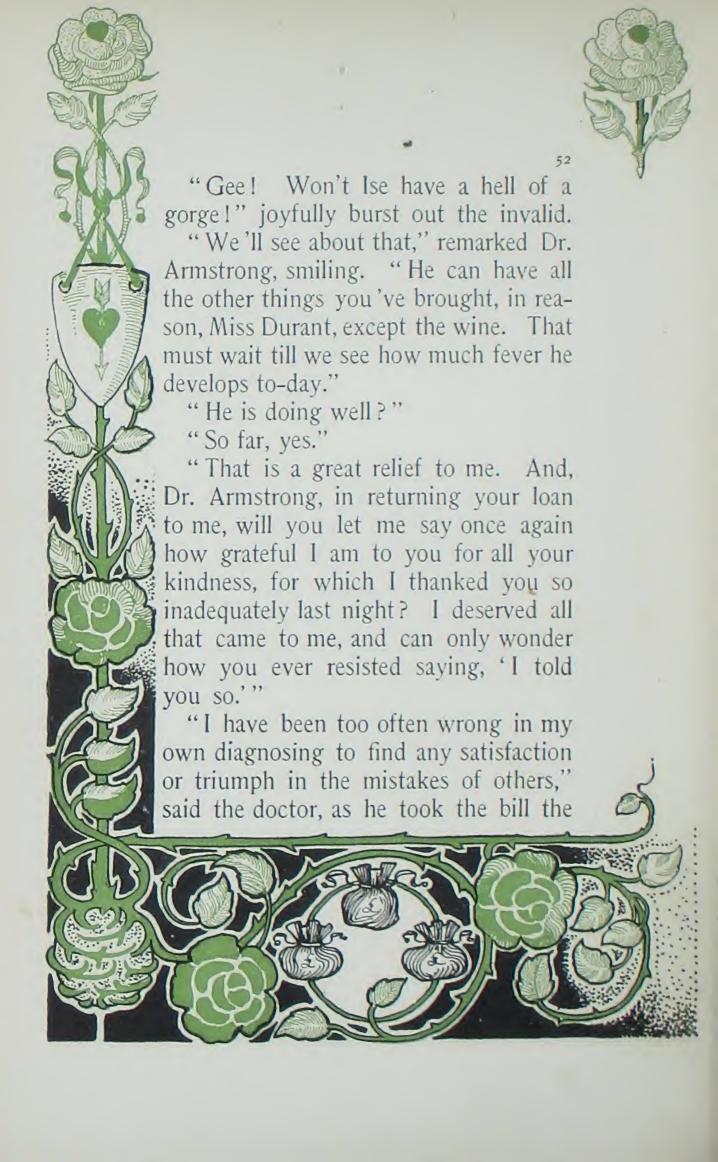


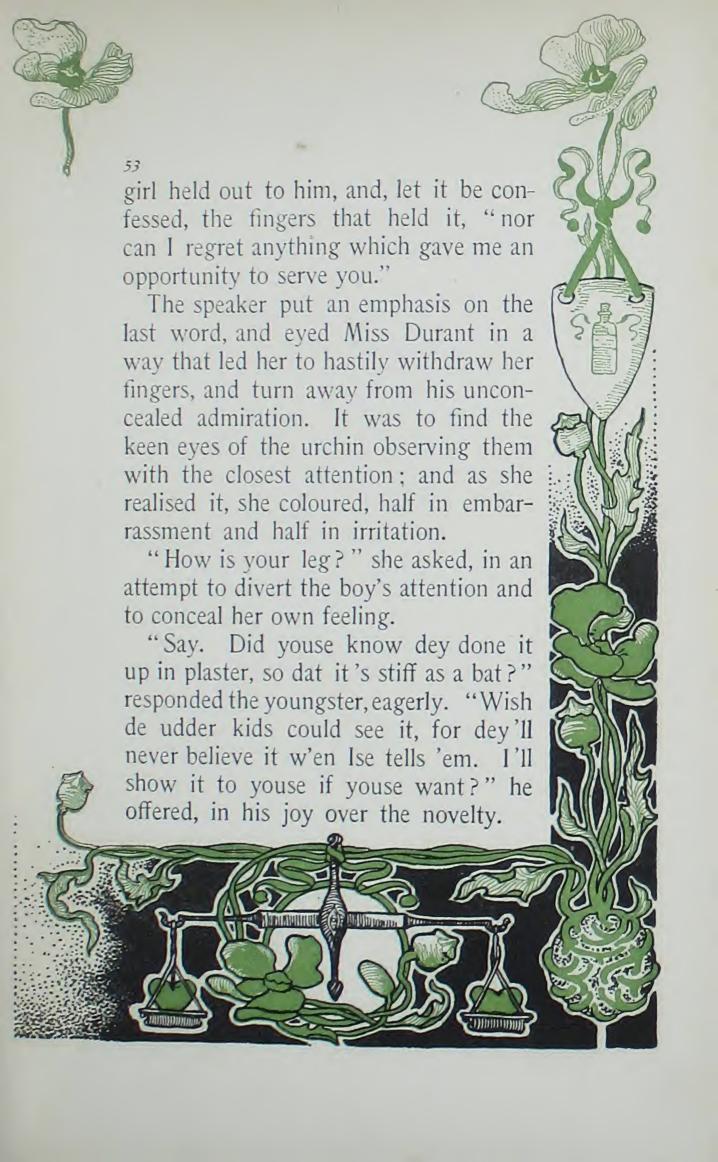


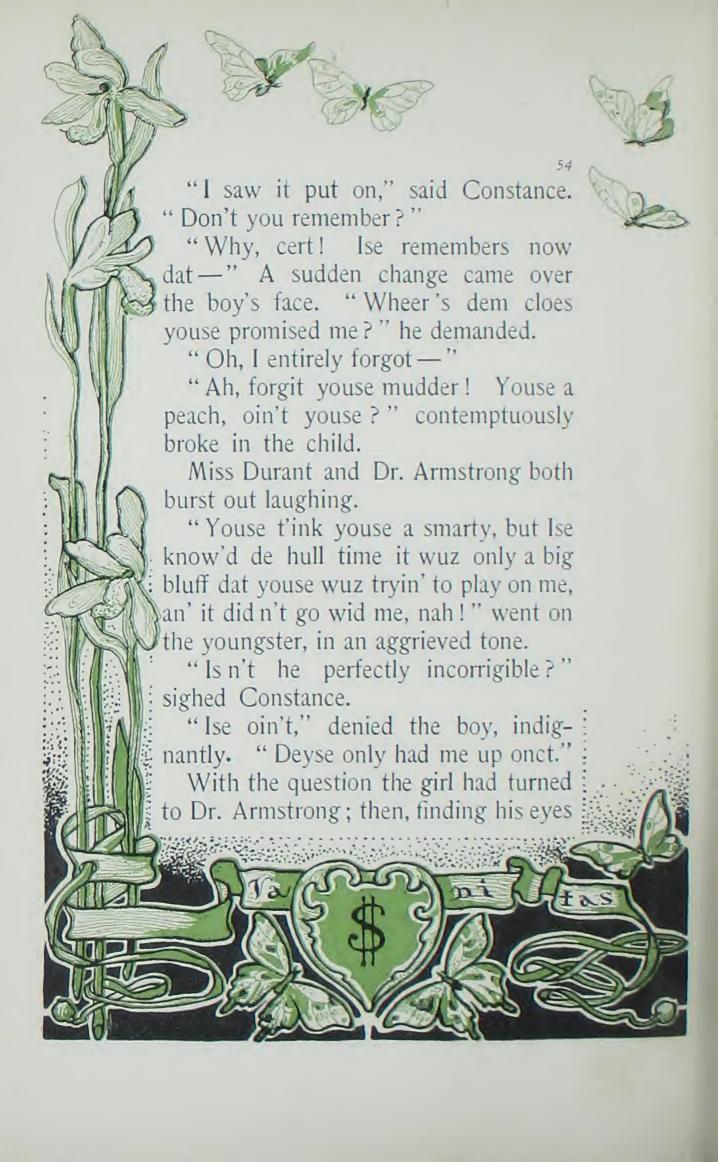


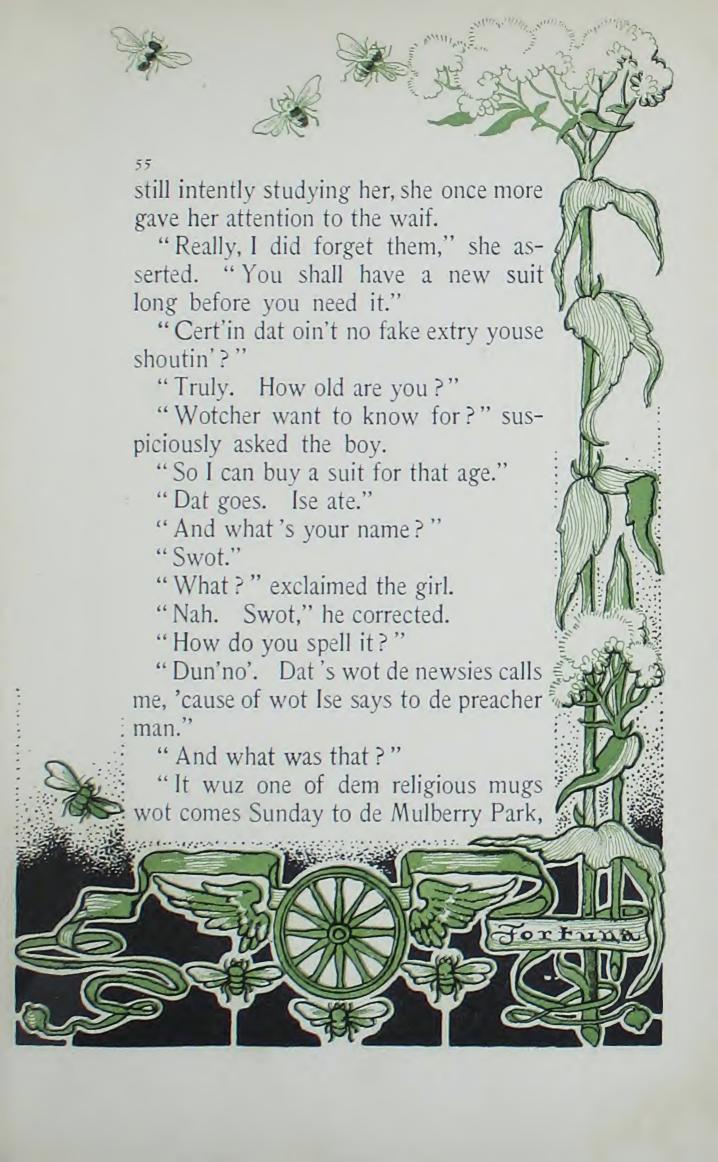


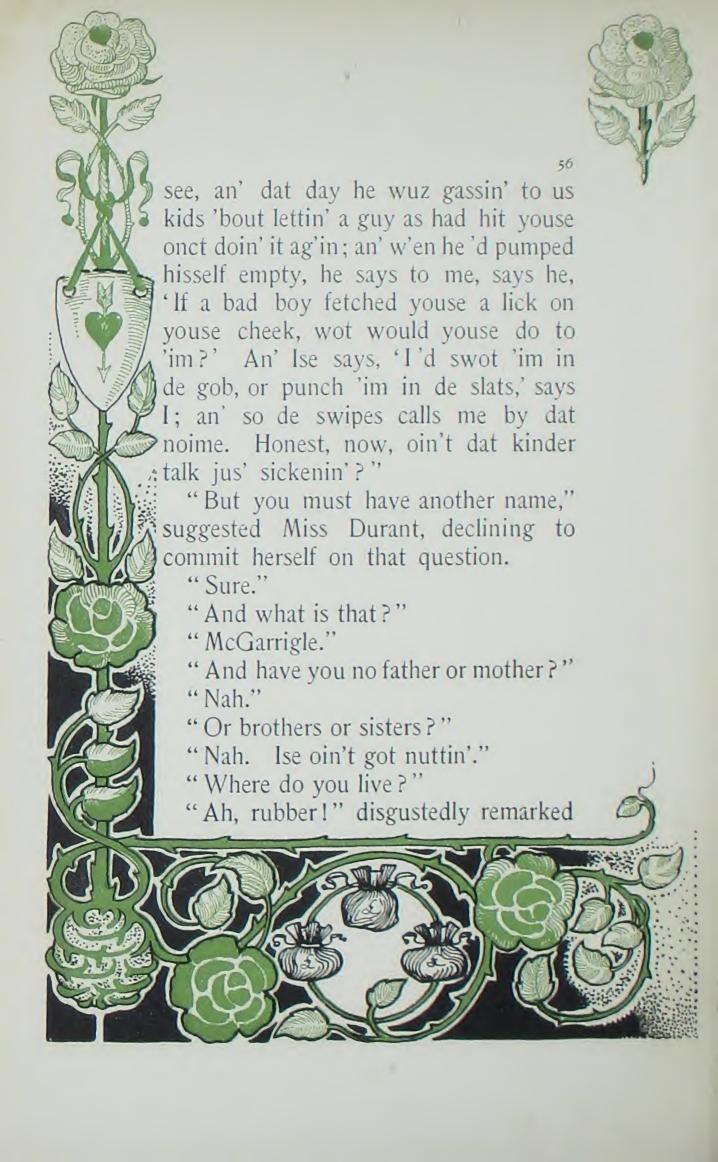


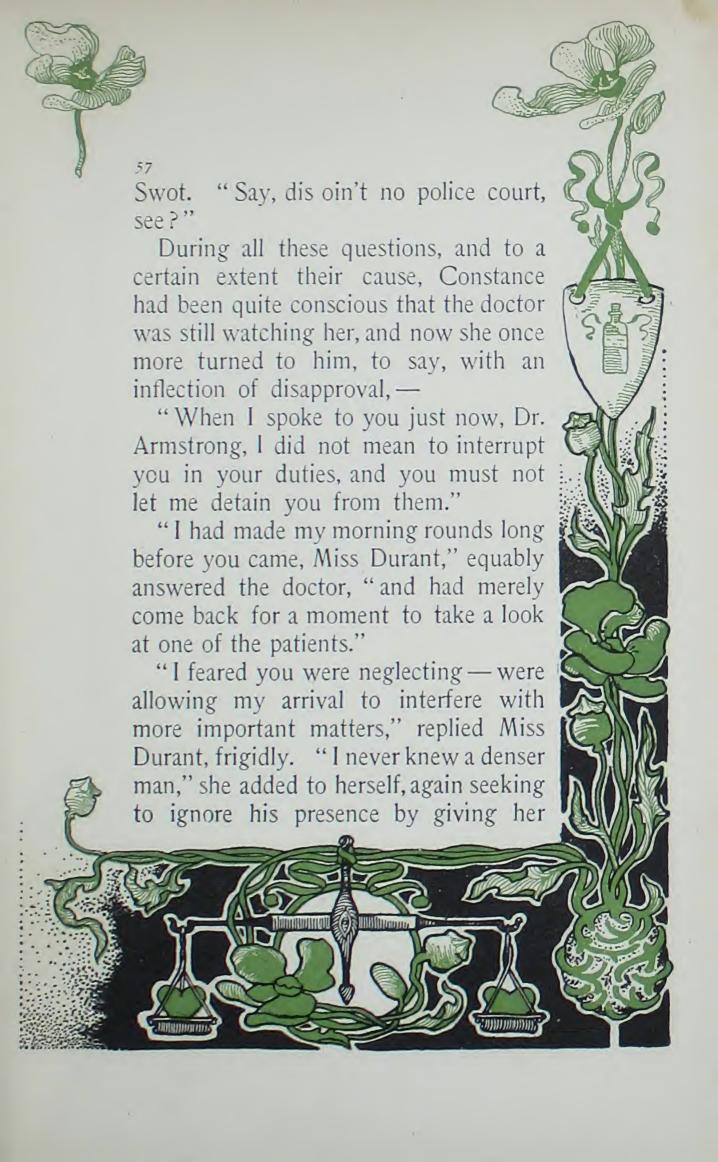


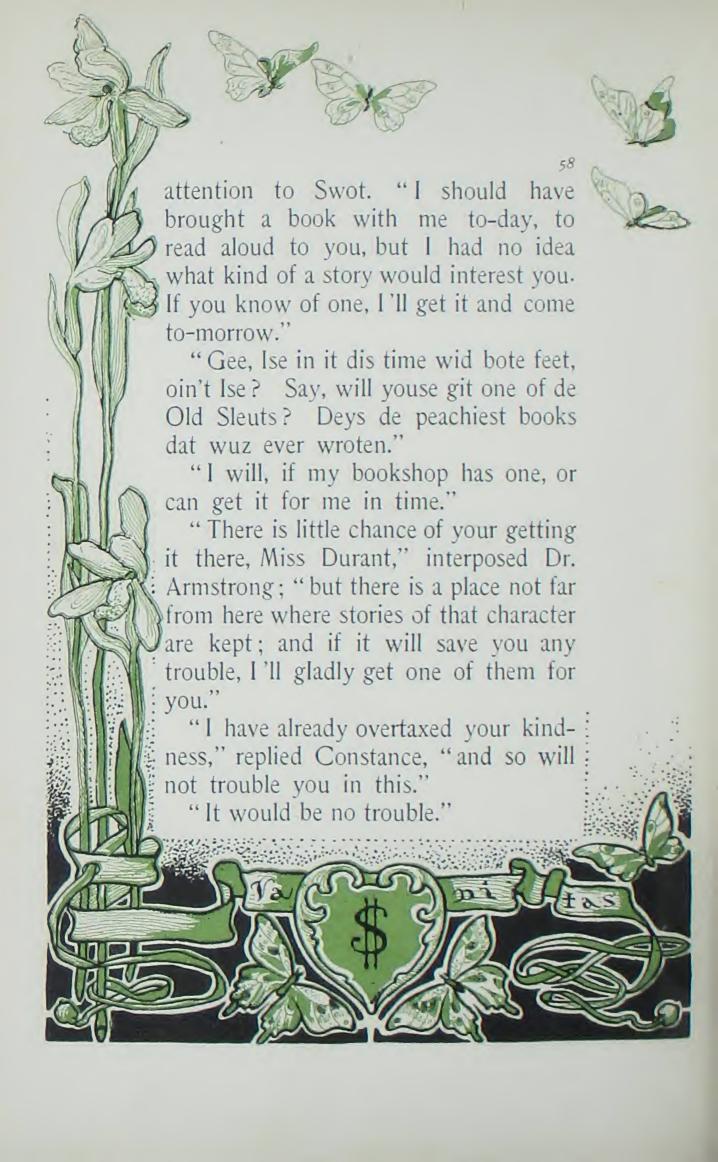


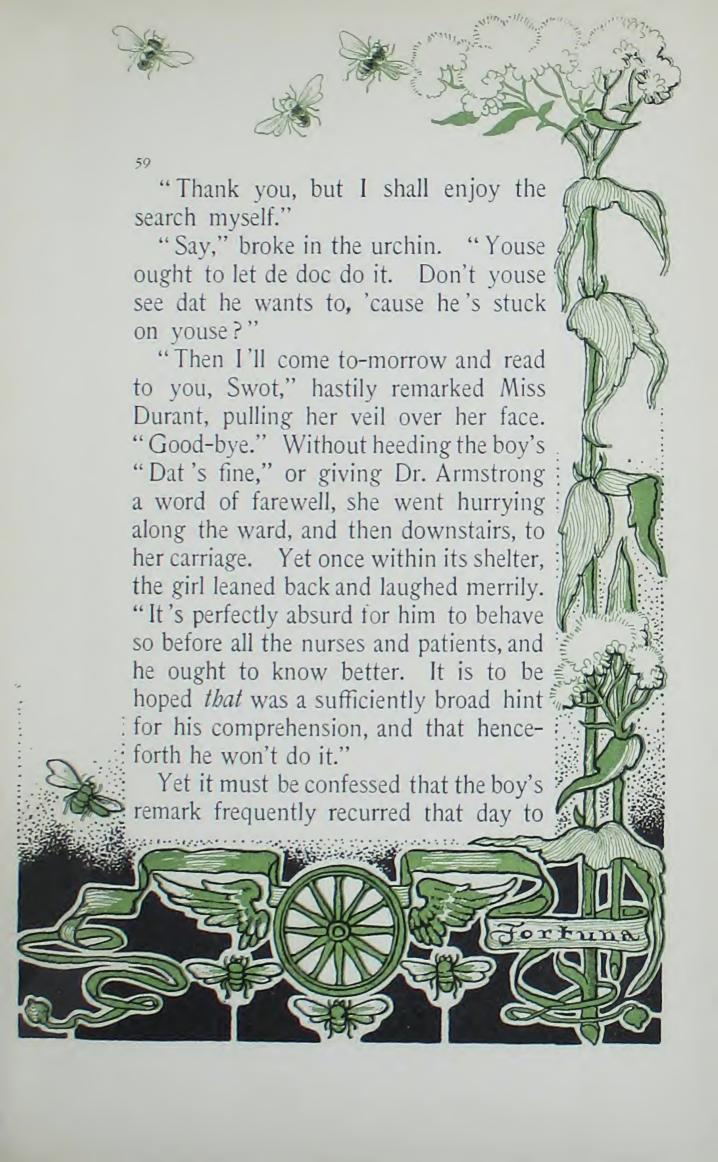


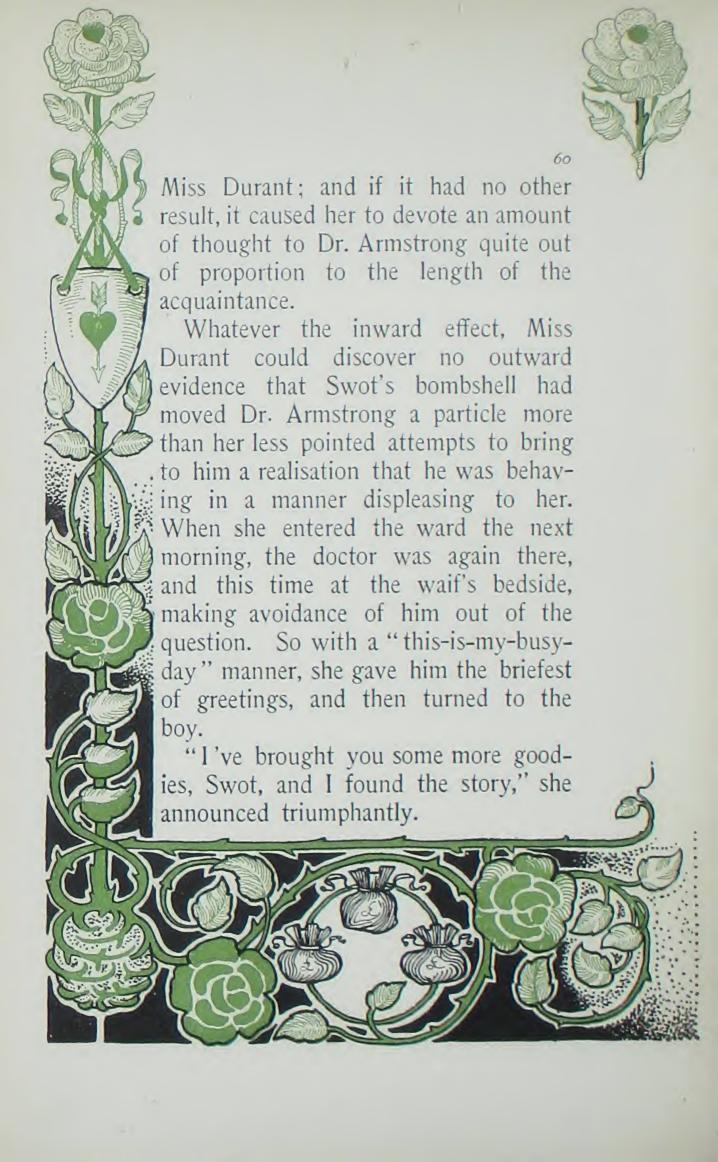


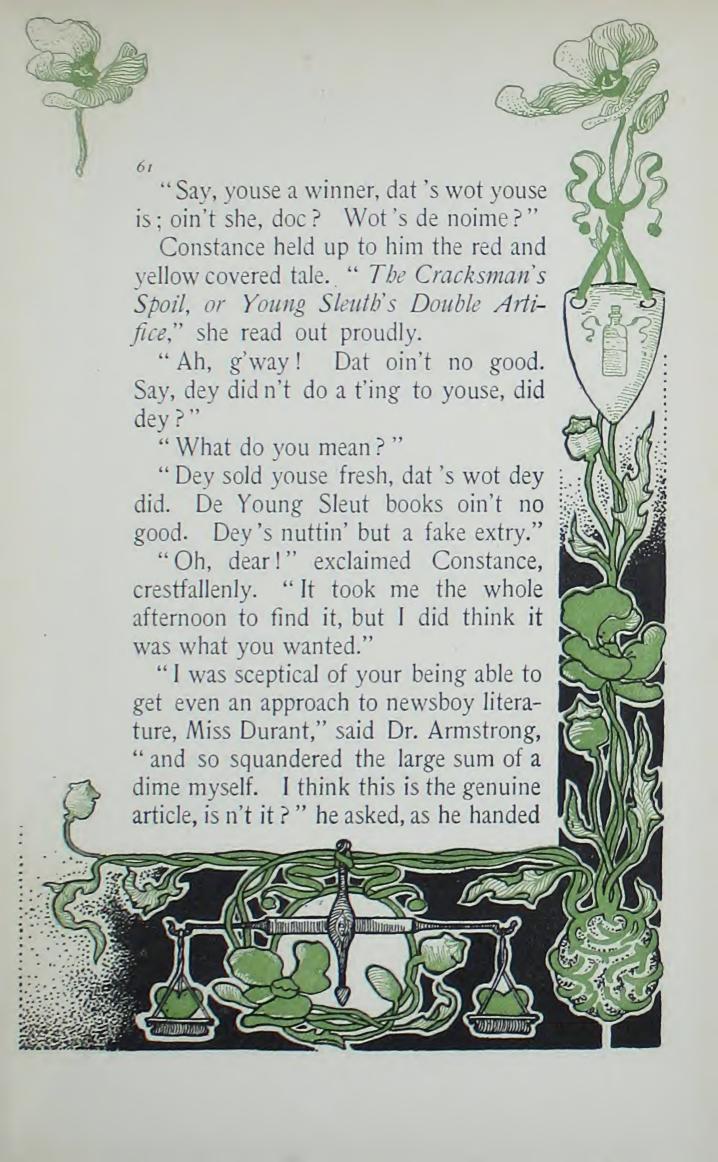


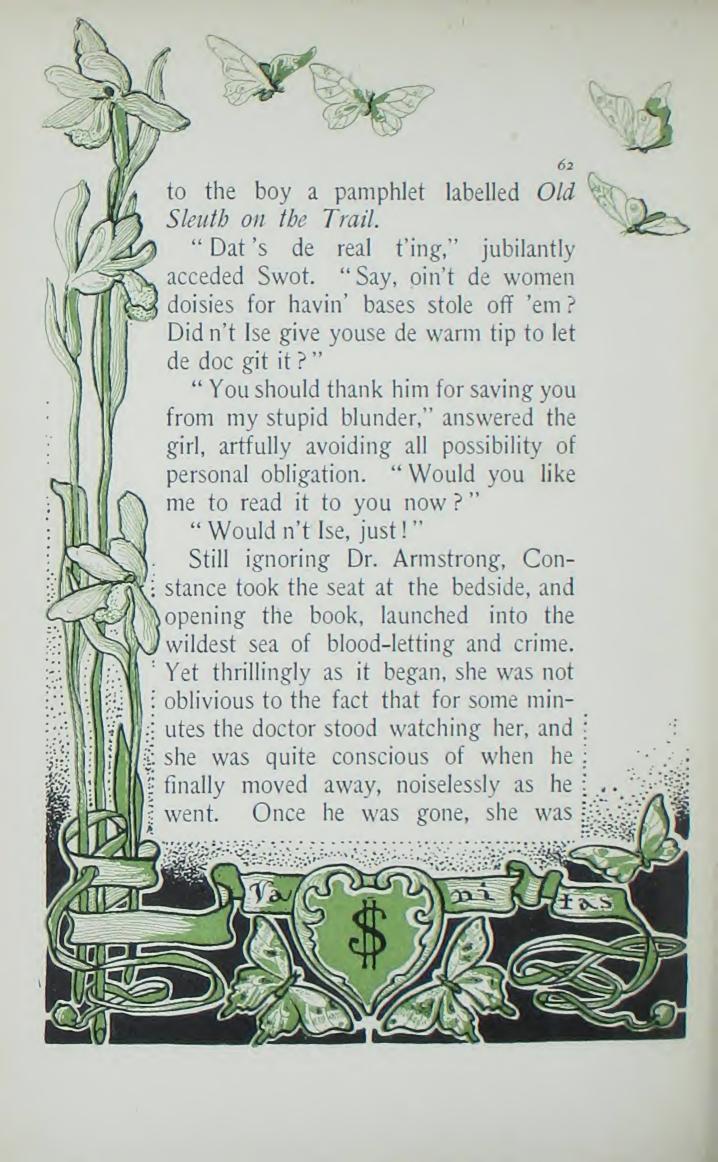








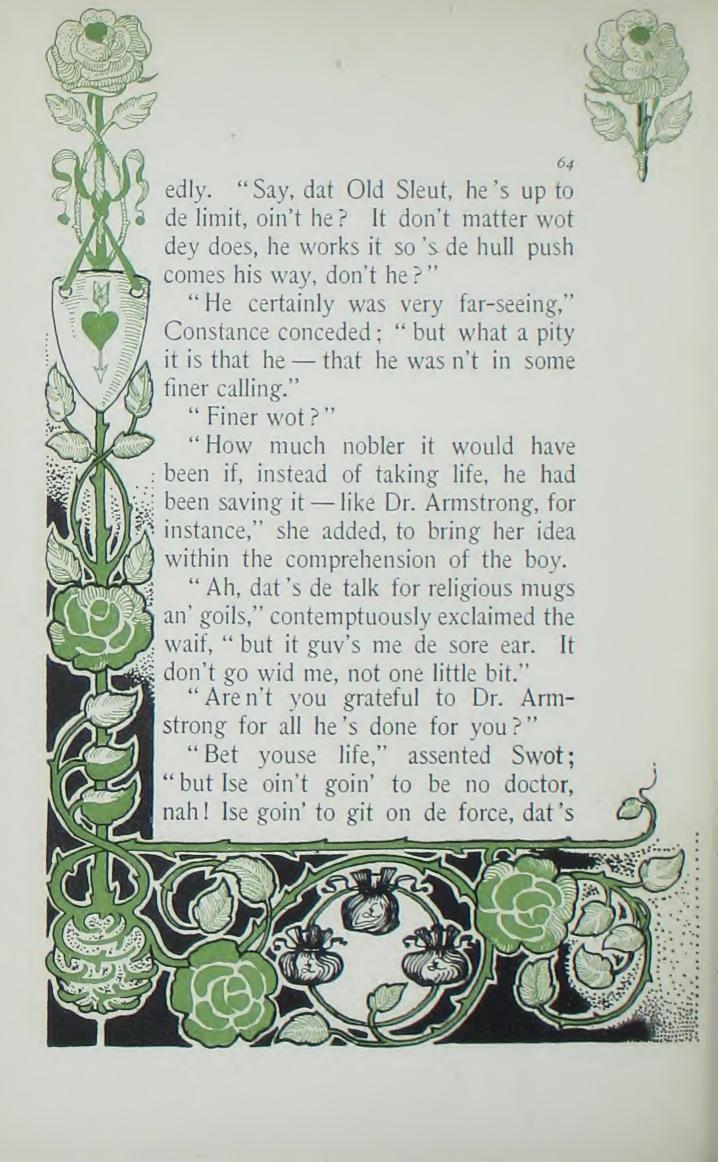


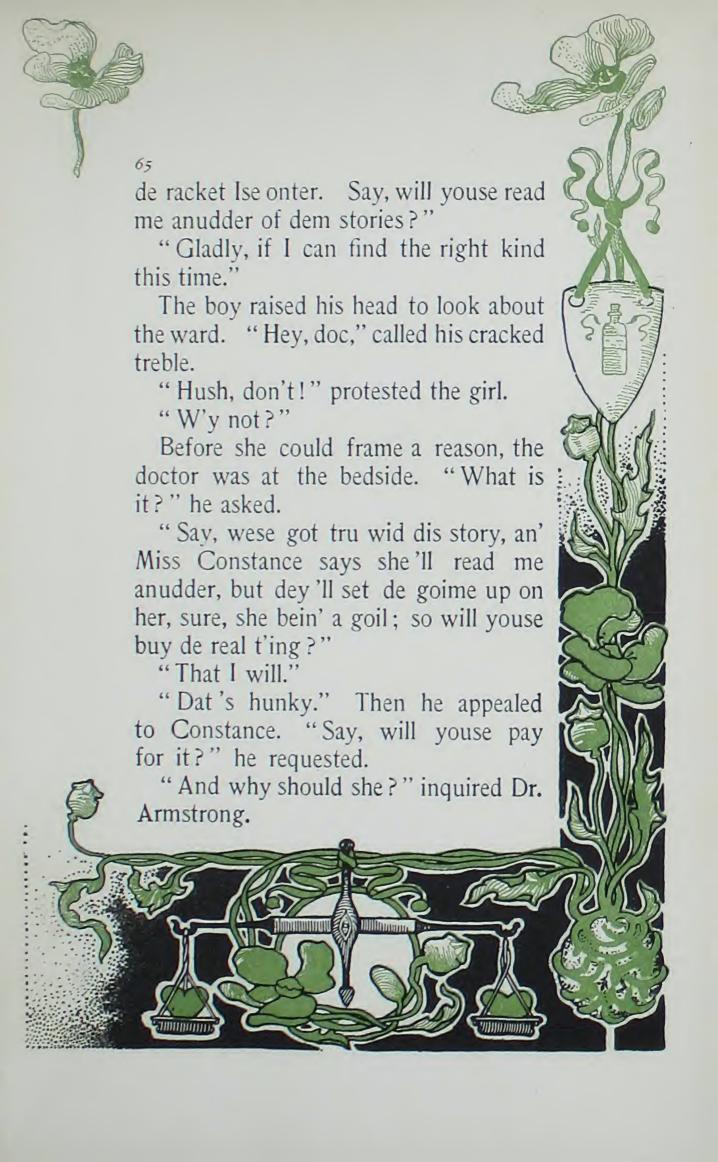


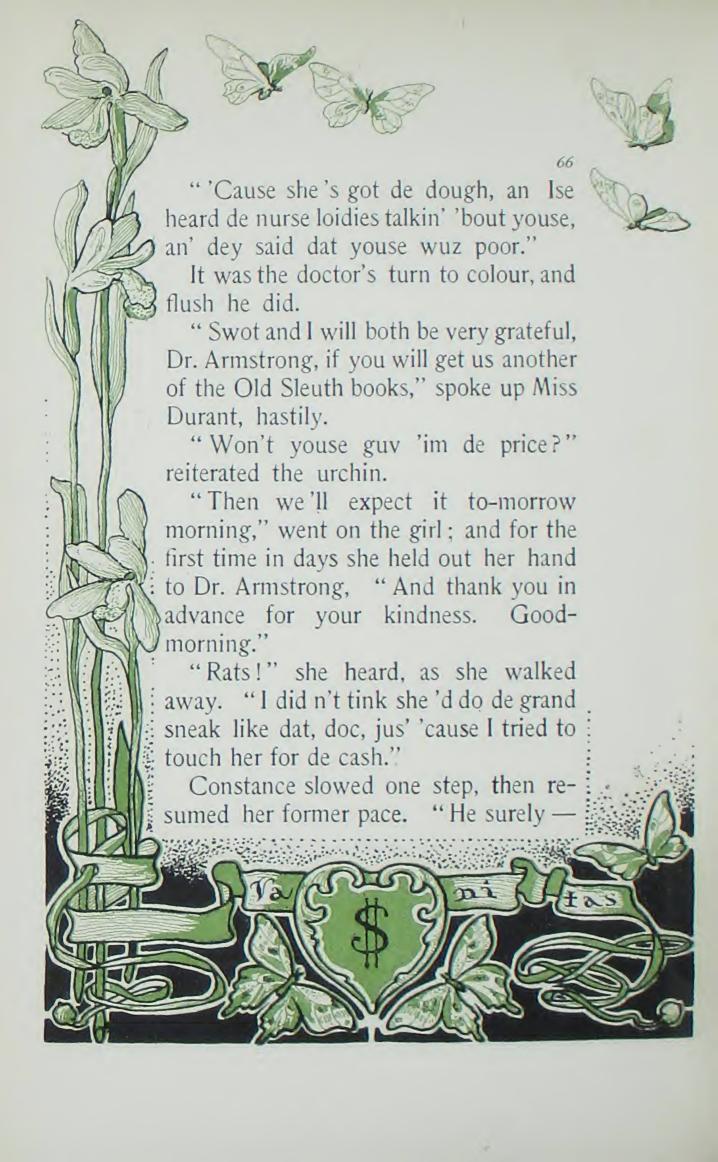


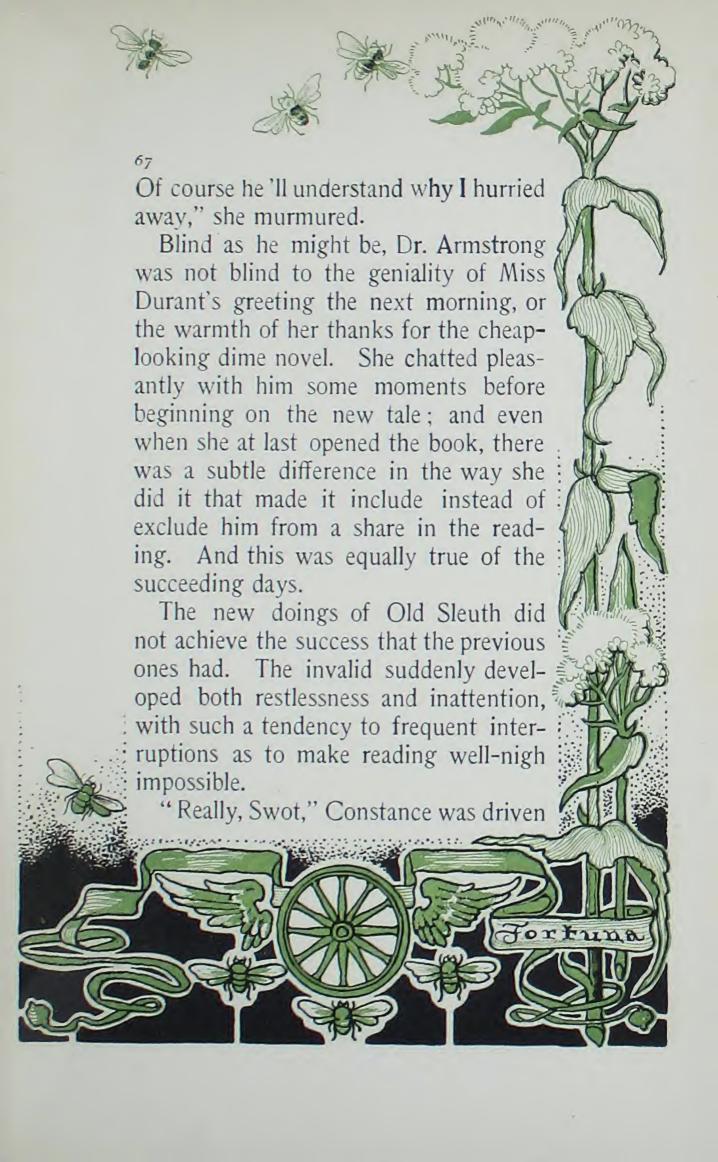


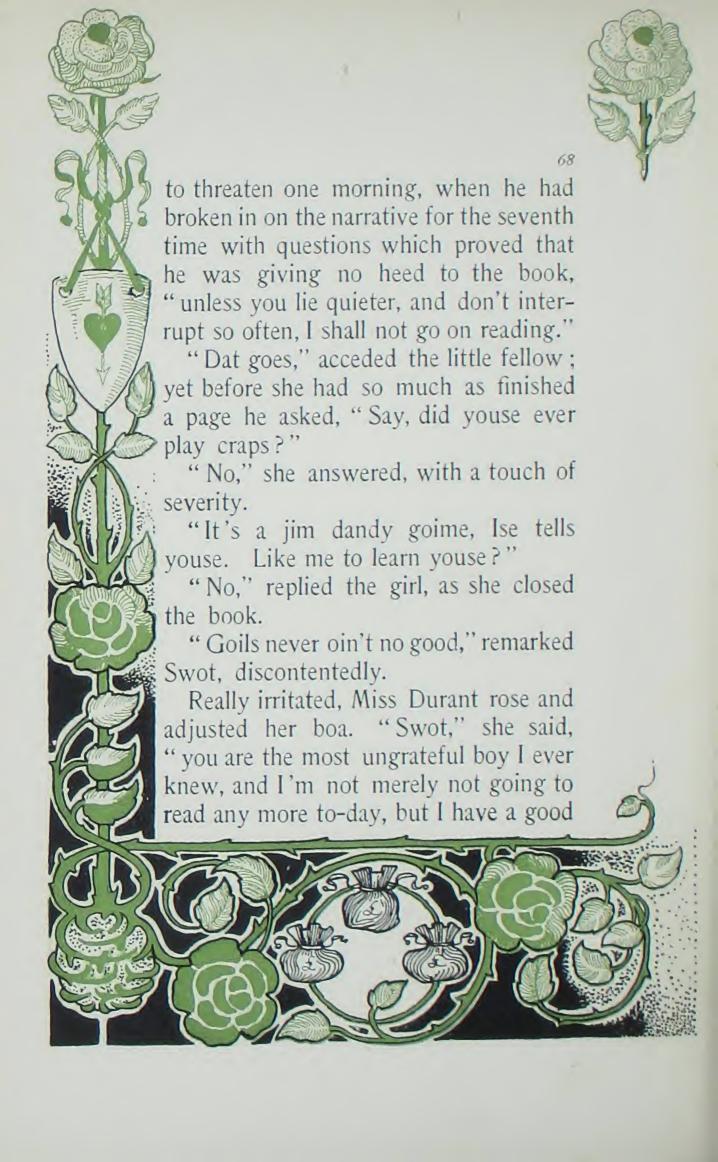


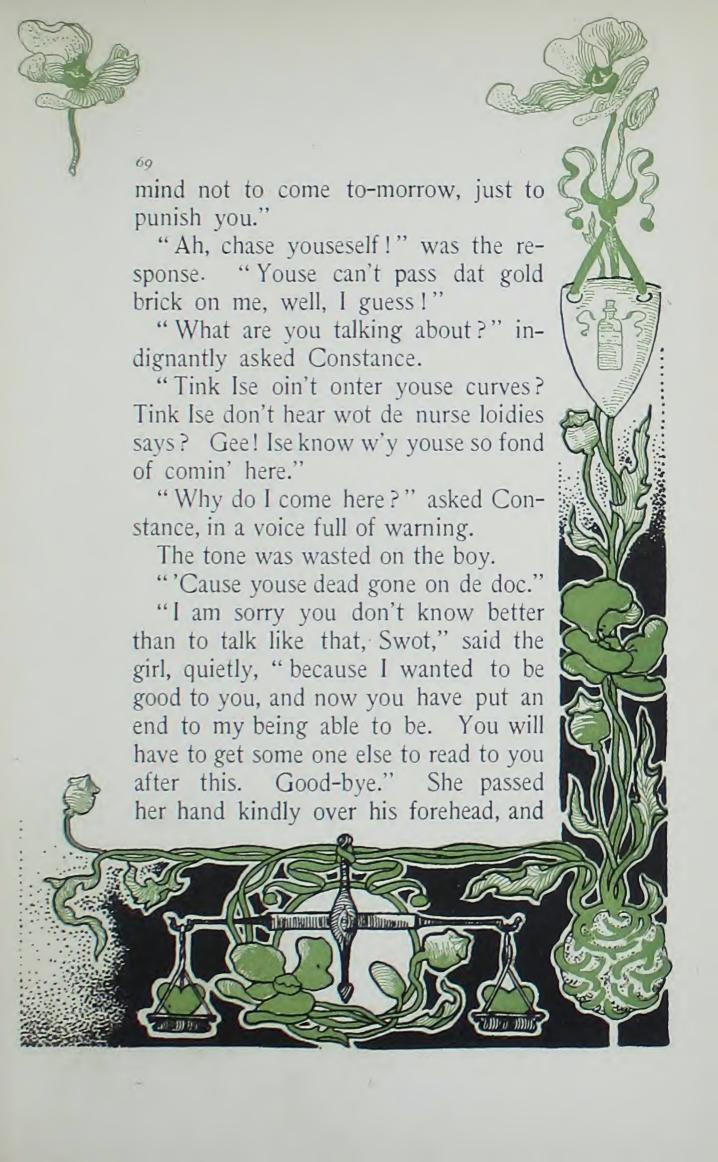


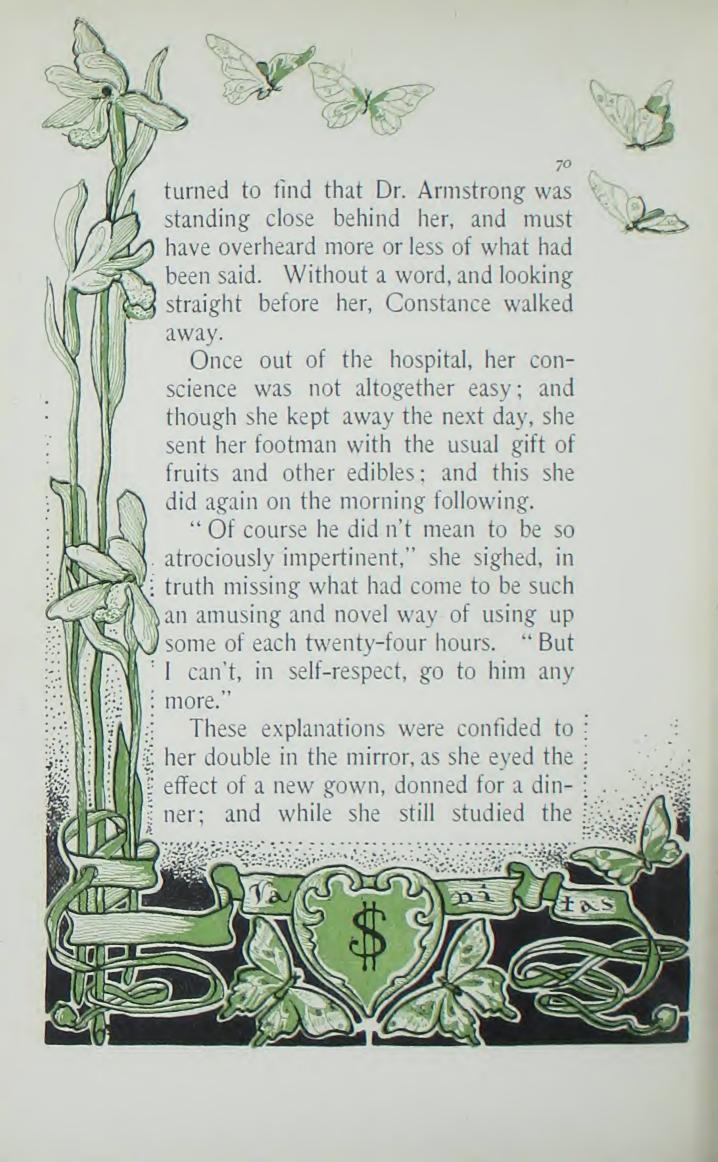


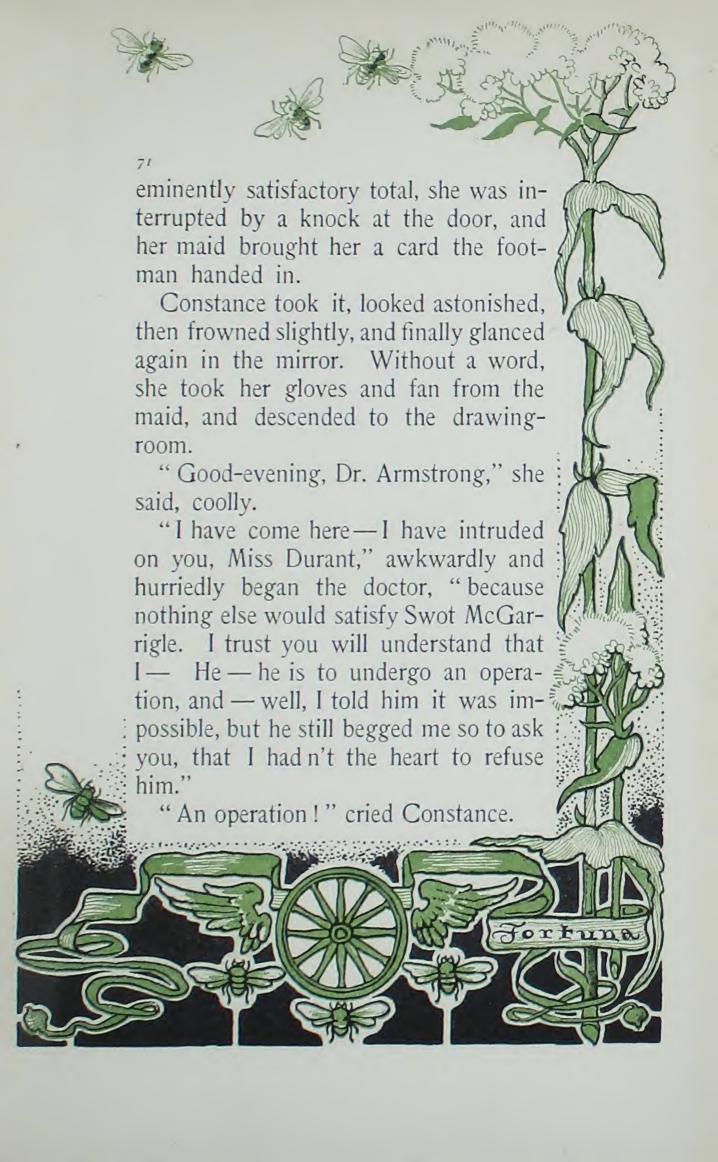


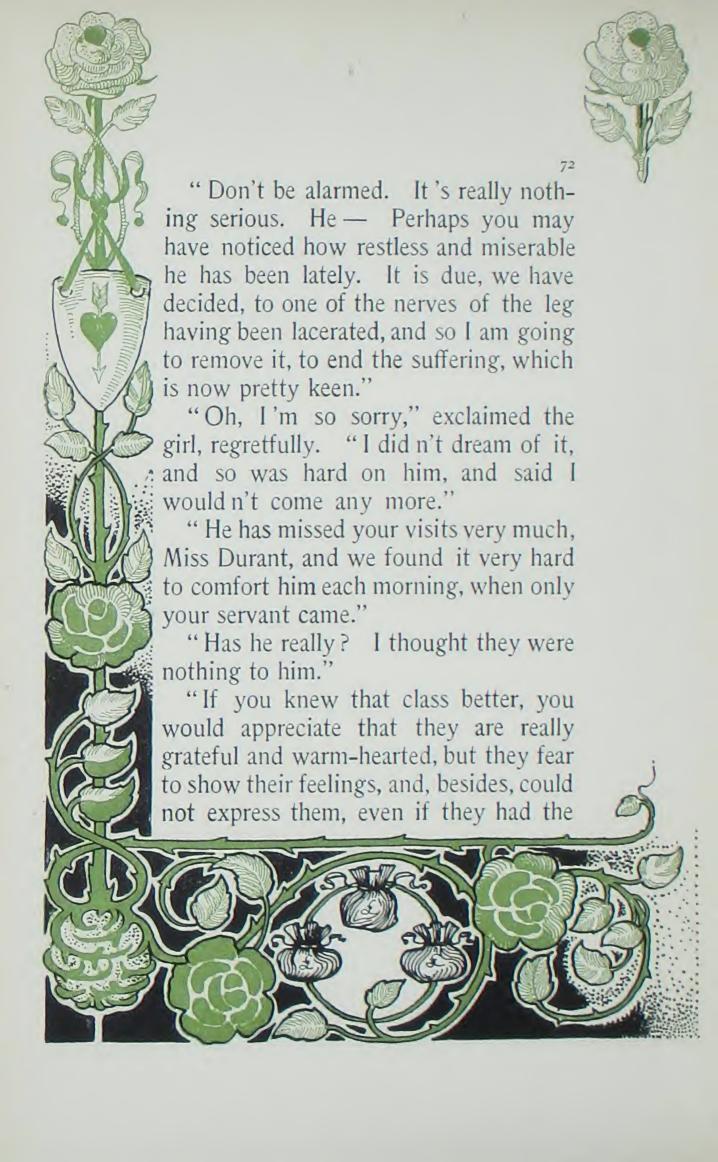












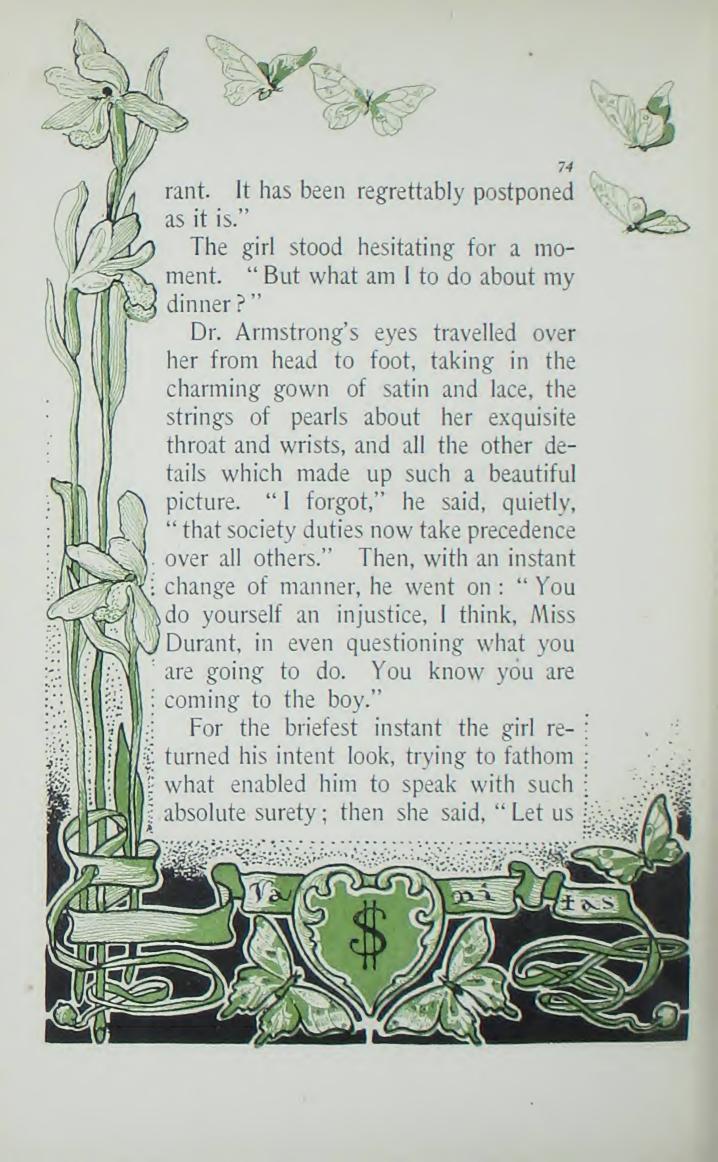
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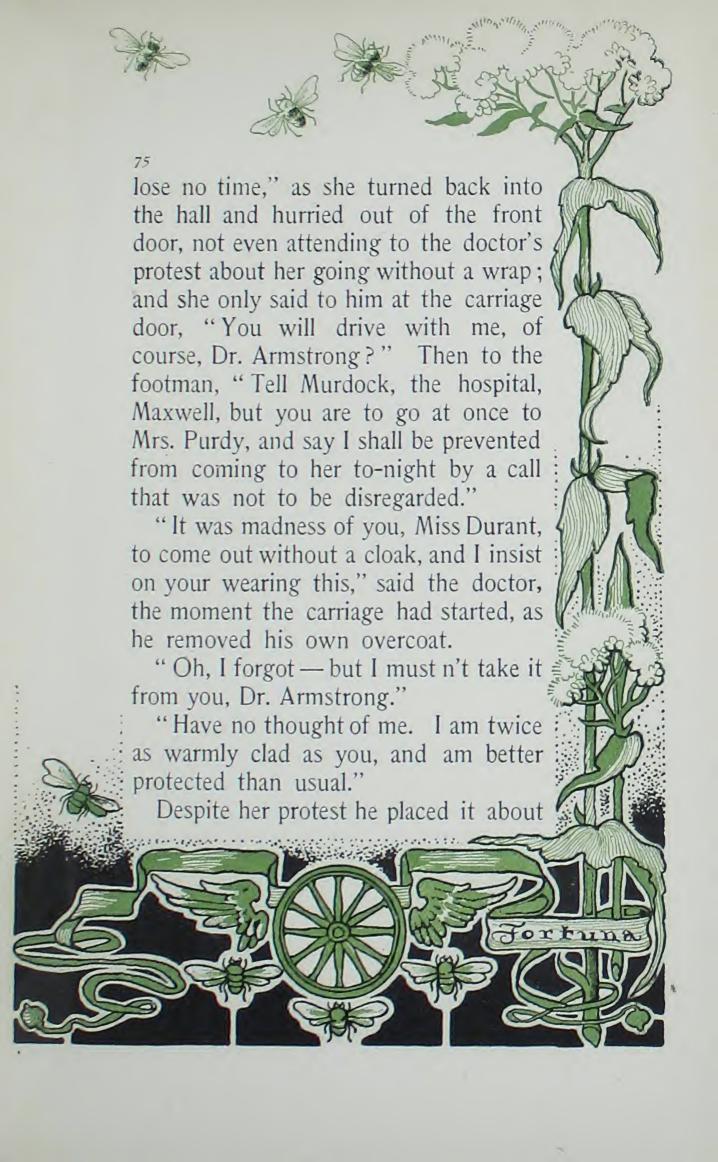
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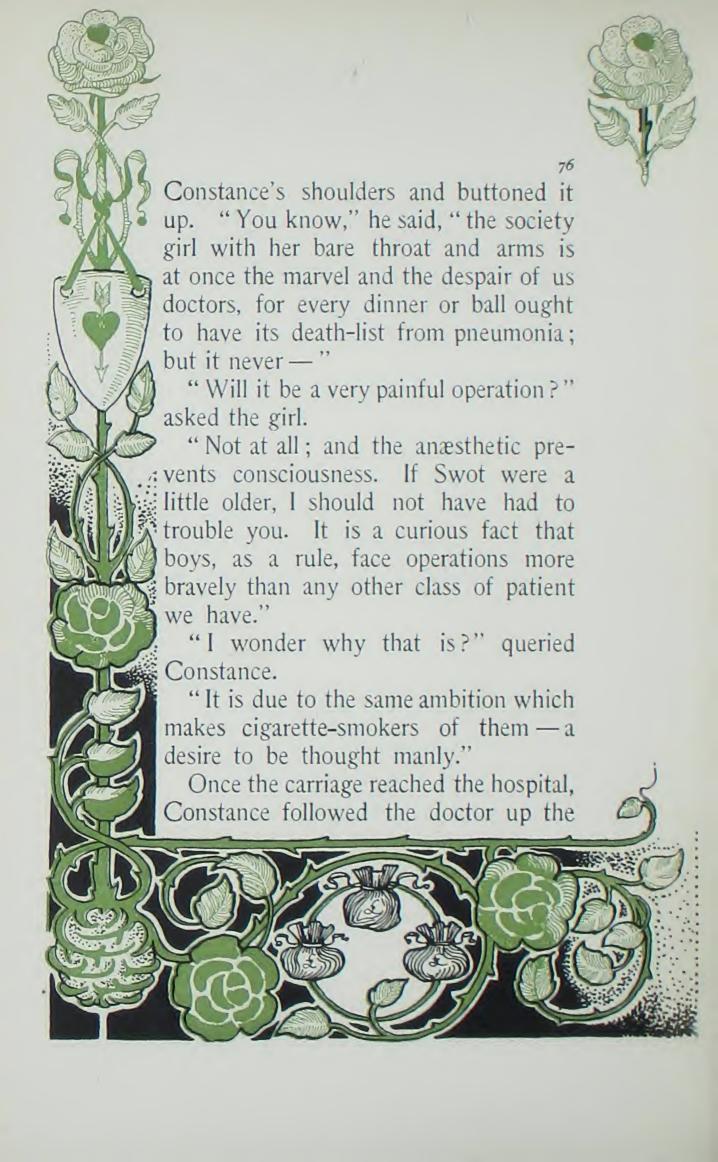




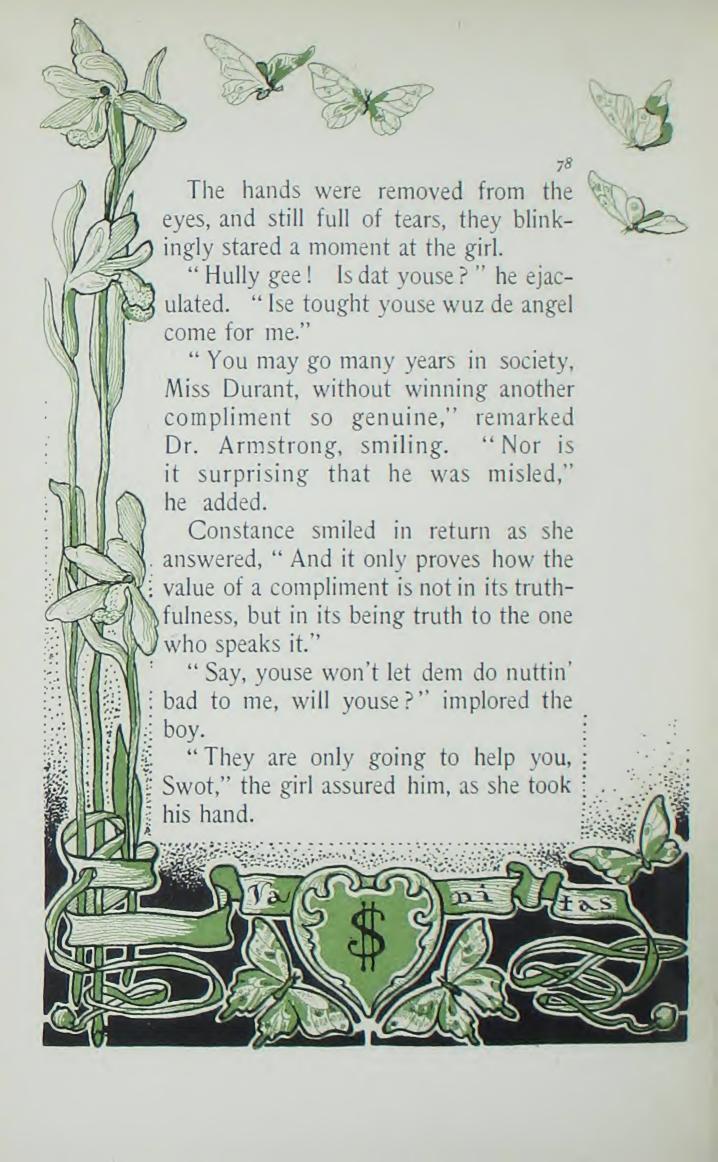
73 words, which they don't. But if you could hear the little chap sing your praises to the nurses and to me, you would not think him heartless. loidy' is his favourite description of vou." "He wants to see me?" questioned the girl, eagerly. "Yes. Like most of the poorer class, Miss Durant," explained the doctor, "he has a great dread of the knife. To make him less frantic, I promised that I would come to you with his wish; and though I would not for a moment have you present at the actual operation, if you could yield so far as to come to him for a few minutes, and assure him that we are going to do it for his own good, I think it will make him more submissive." "When do you want me?" asked Miss Durant. "It is — I am to operate as soon as I can get back to the hospital, Miss Du-

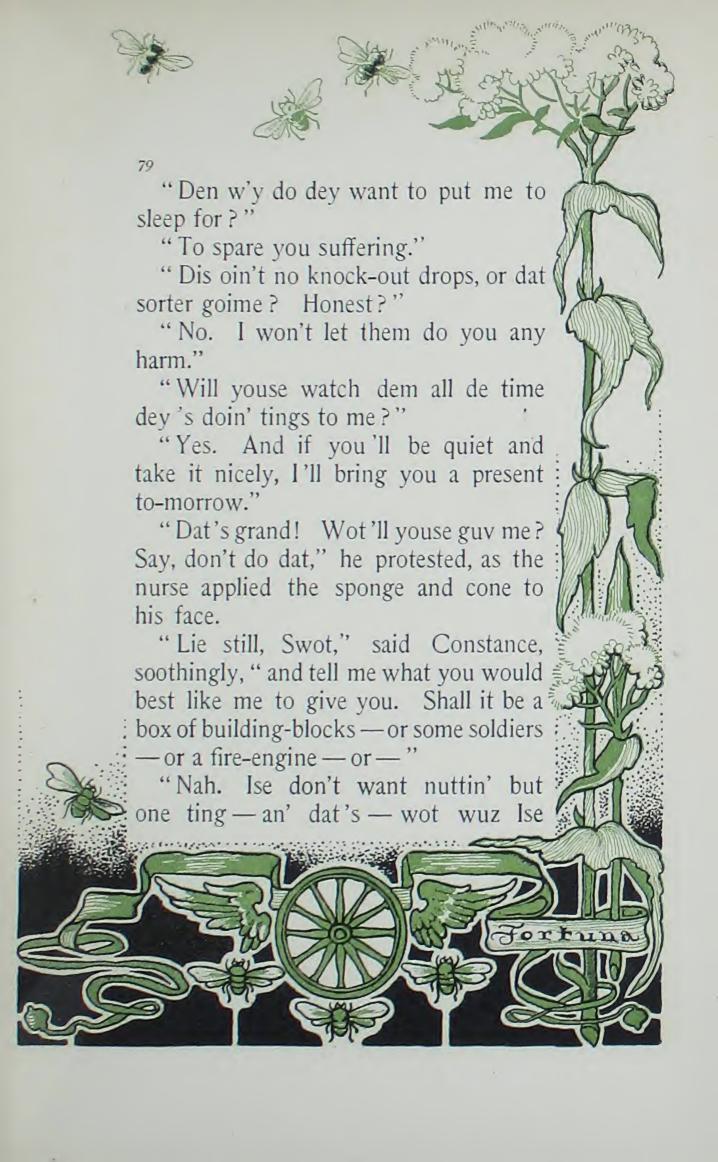


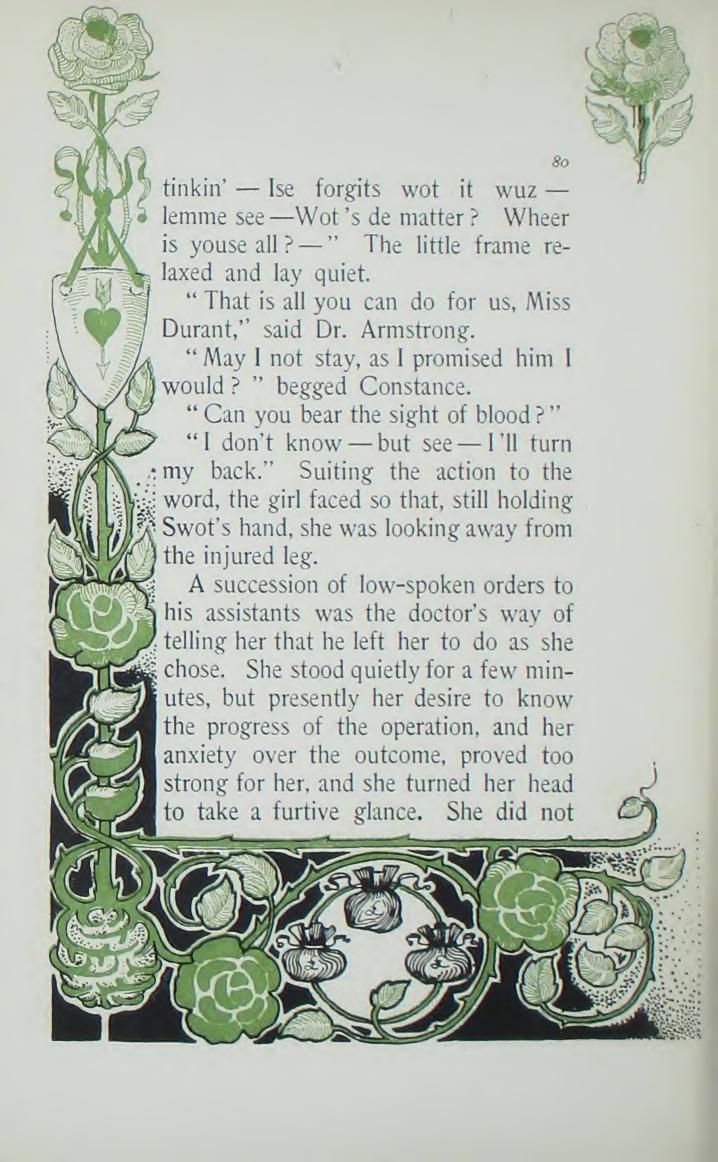


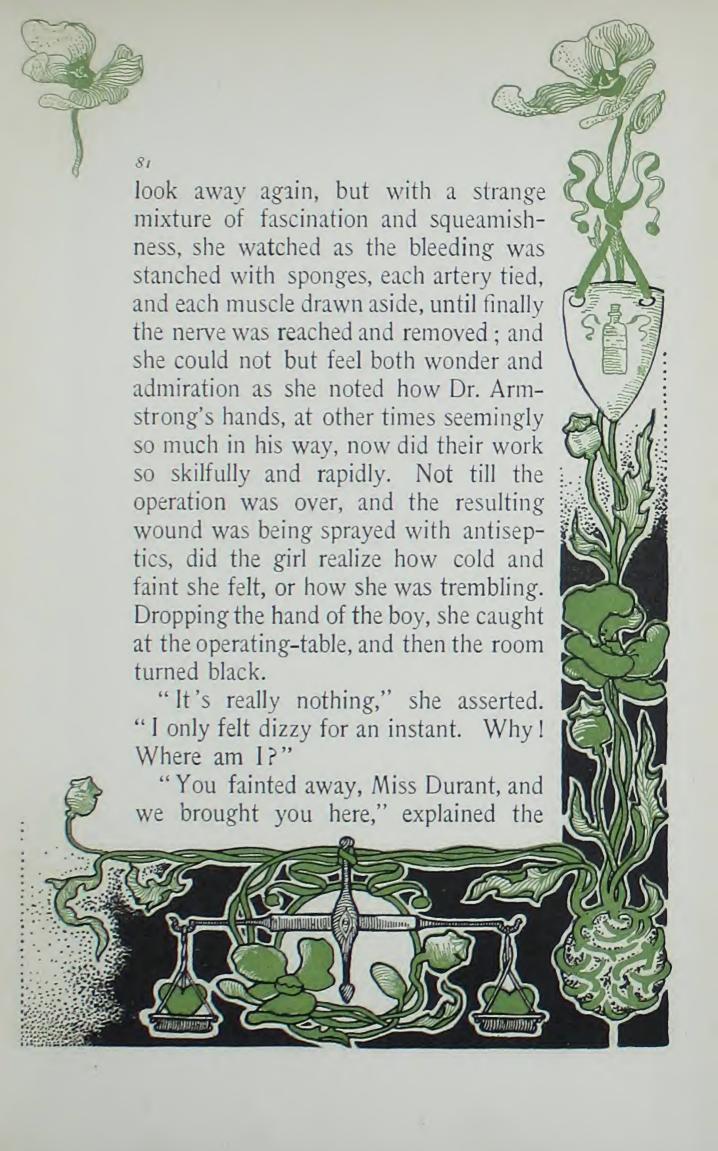


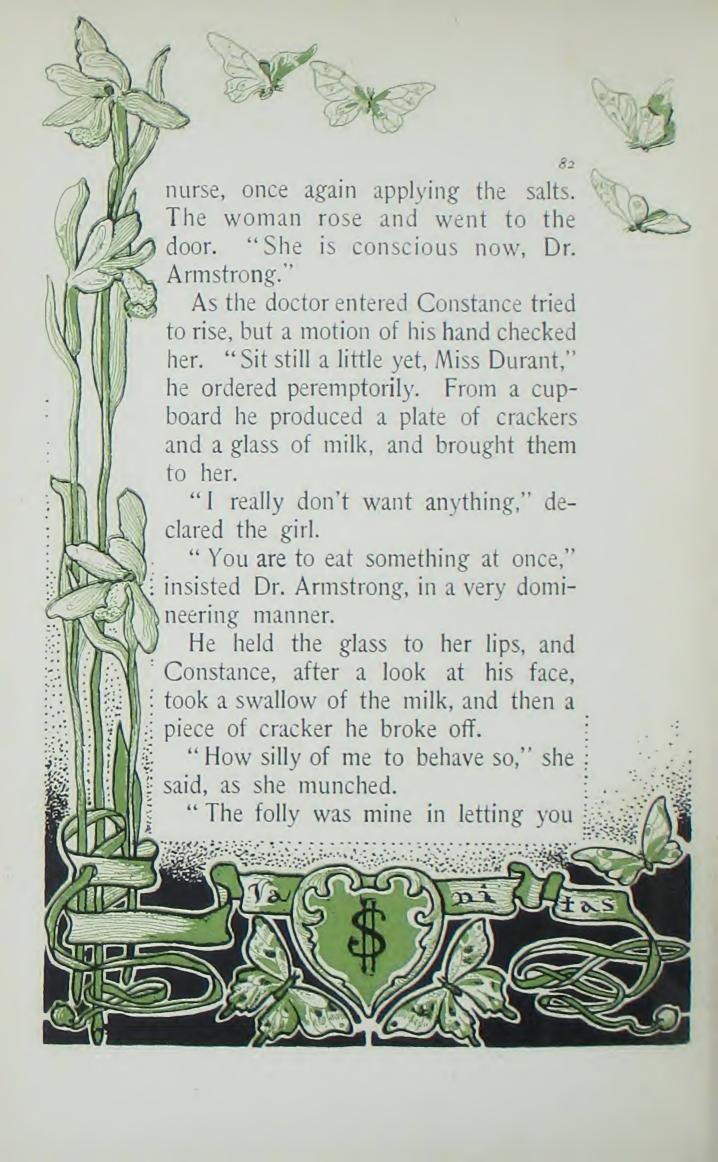
77 stairs and through the corridor. "Let me relieve you of the coat, Miss Durant," he advised, and took it from her and passed it over to one of the orderlies. Then, opening a door, he made way for her to enter. Constance passed into a medium-sized room, which a first glance showed her to be completely lined with marble; but there her investigations ceased, for her eyes rested on the glass table upon which lay the little fellow, while beside him stood a young doctor and a nurse. the sound of her footsteps the boy turned his head till he caught sight of her, when, after an instant's stare, he surprised the girl by hiding his eyes and beginning to CTV. "Ise knowed all along youse wuz goin' to kill me," he sobbed. "Why, Swot," cried Constance, going to his side. "Nobody is going to kill you."

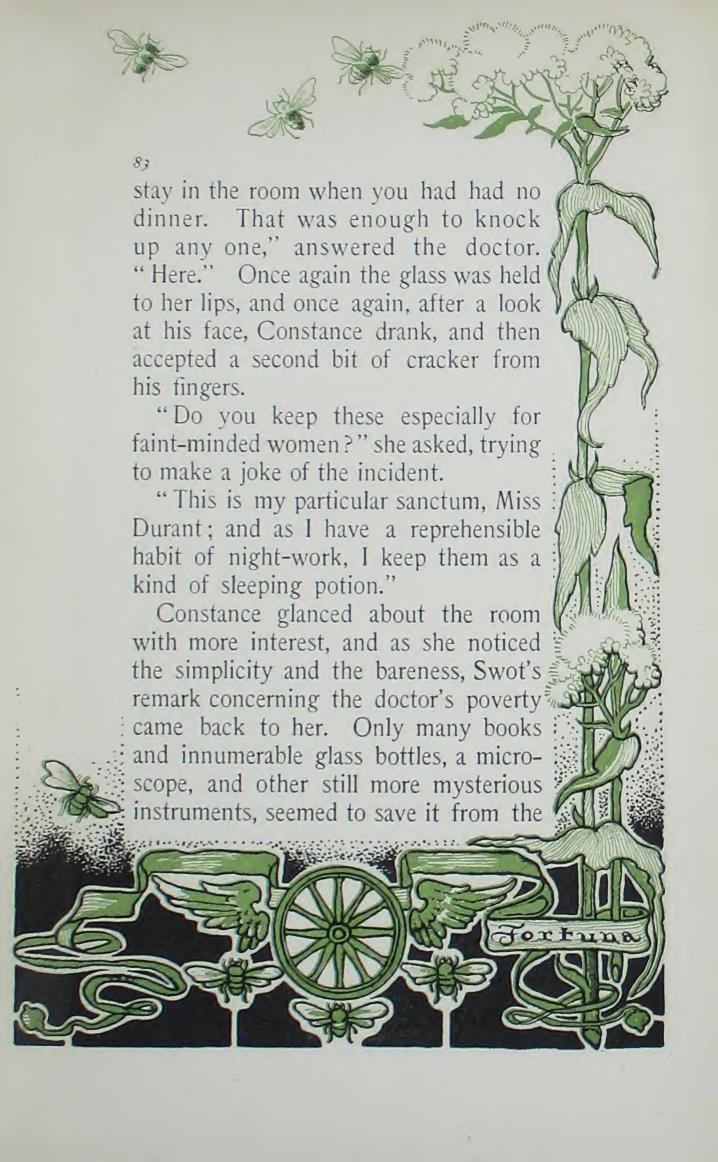


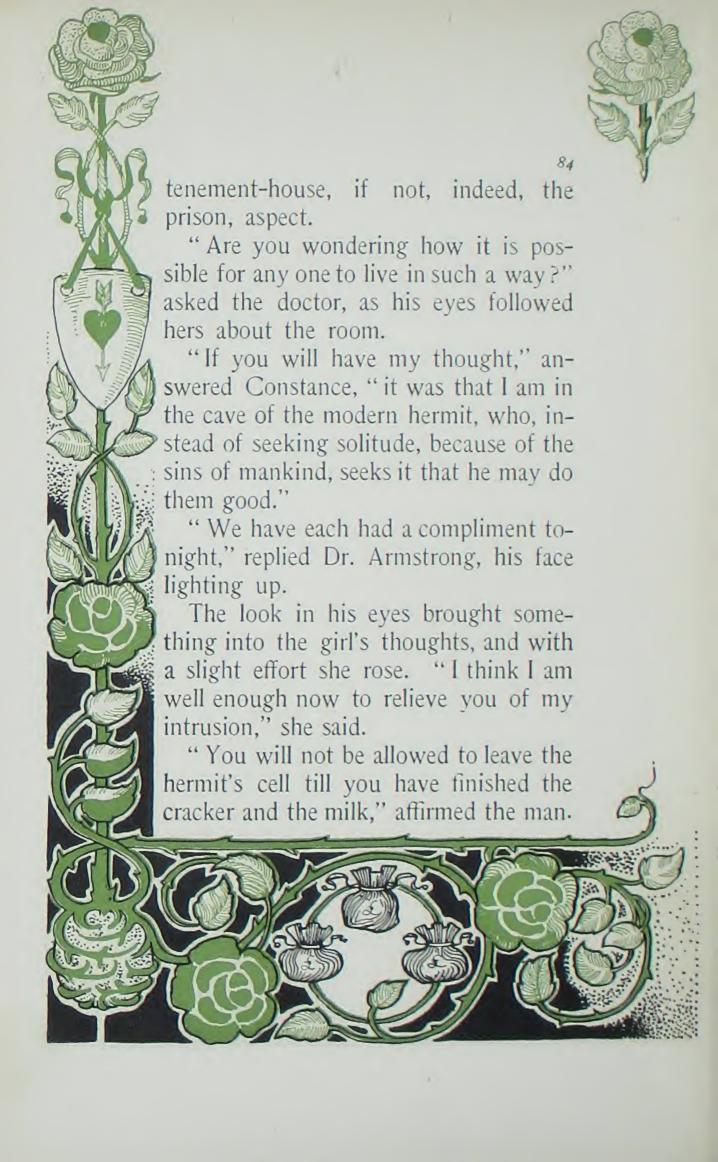


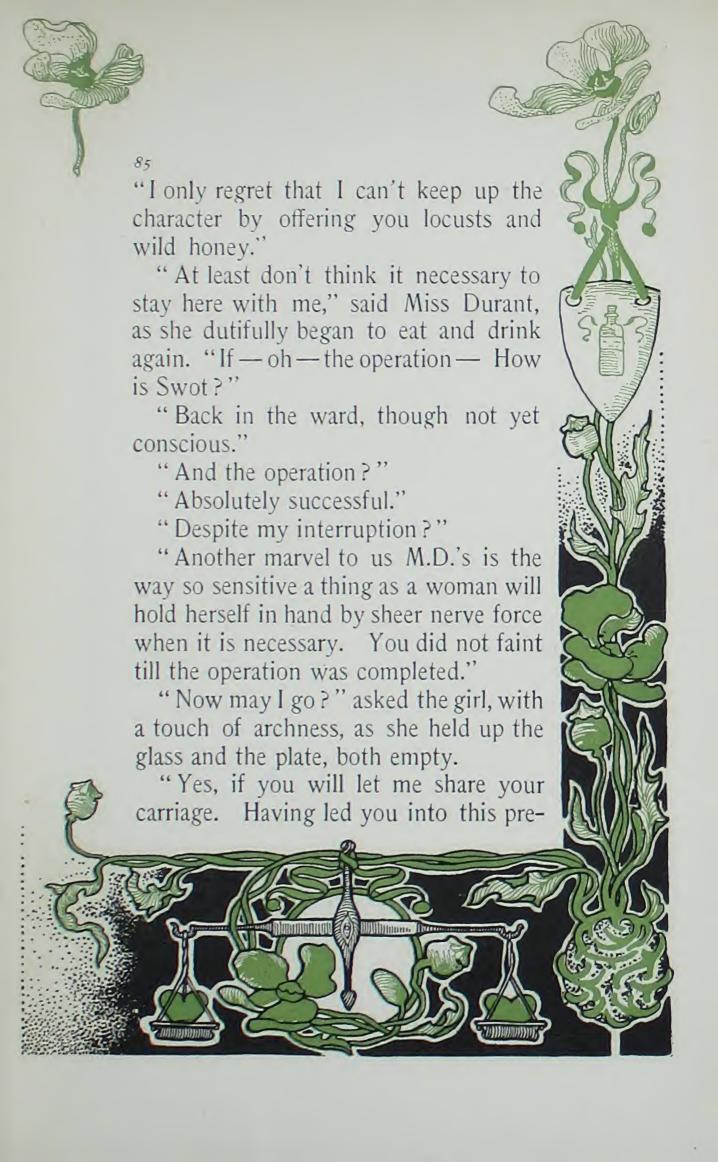


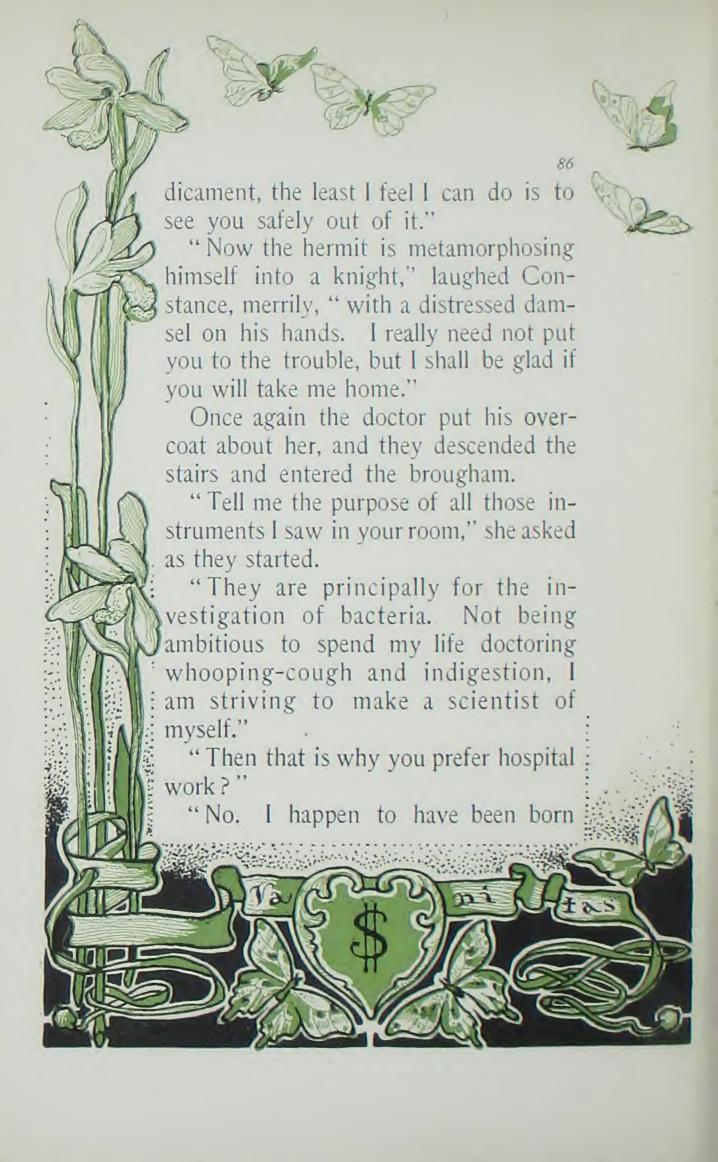


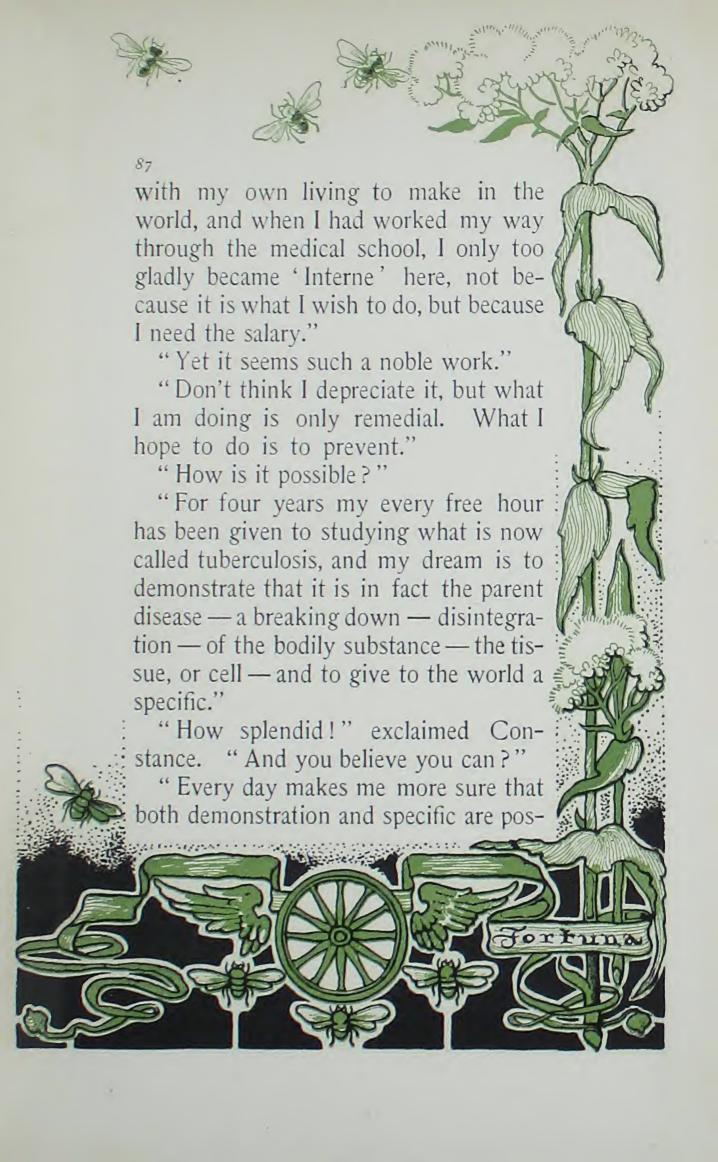


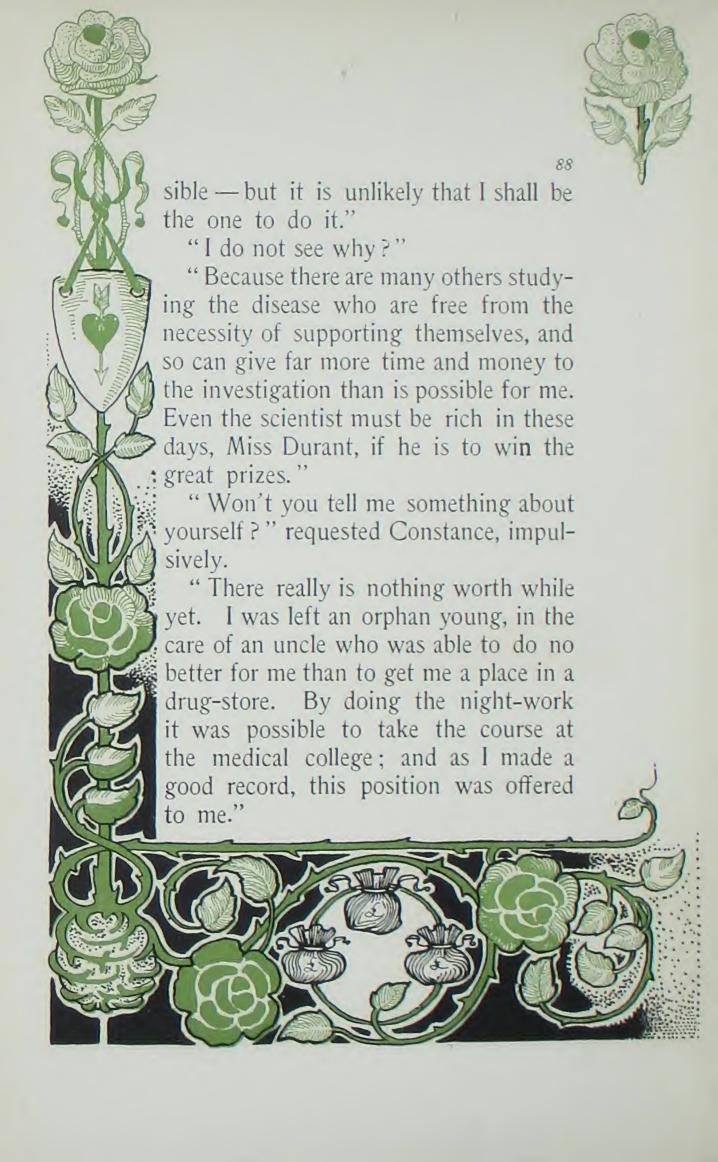


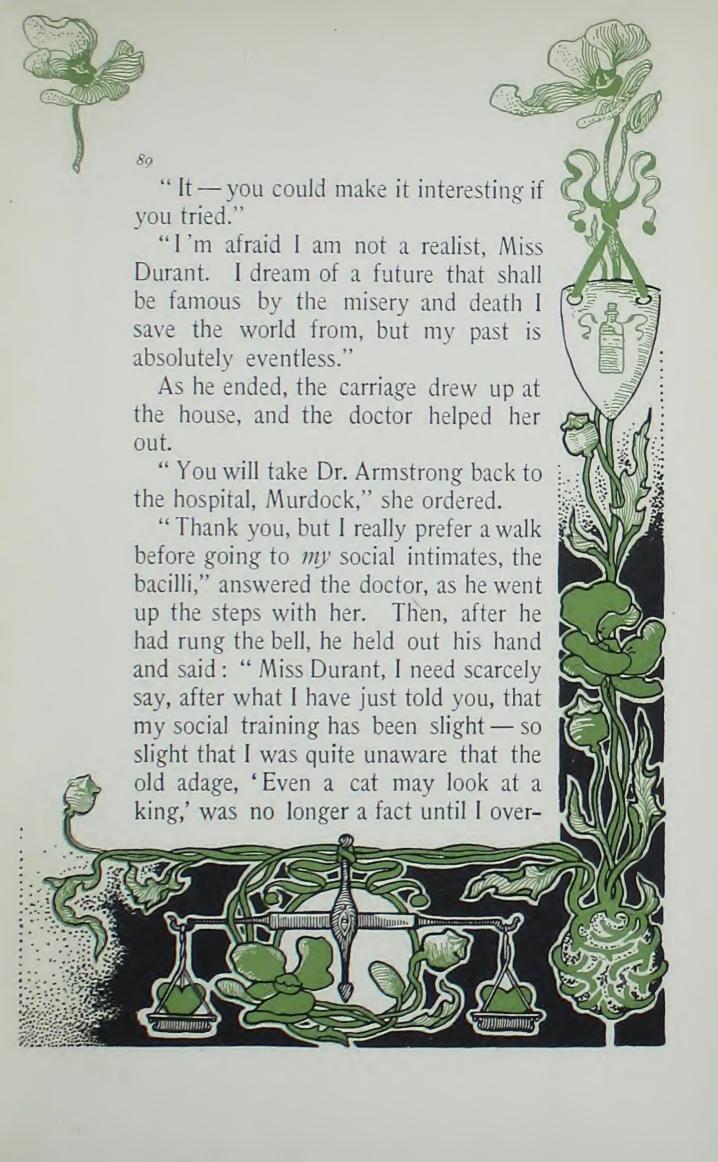


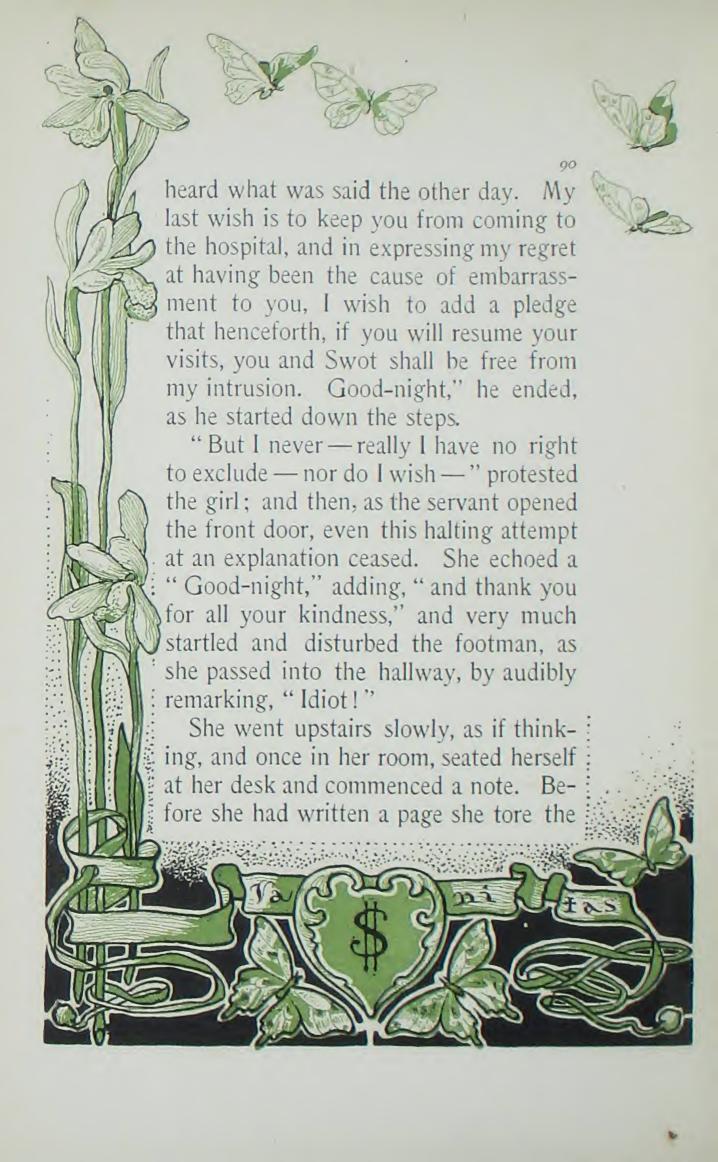


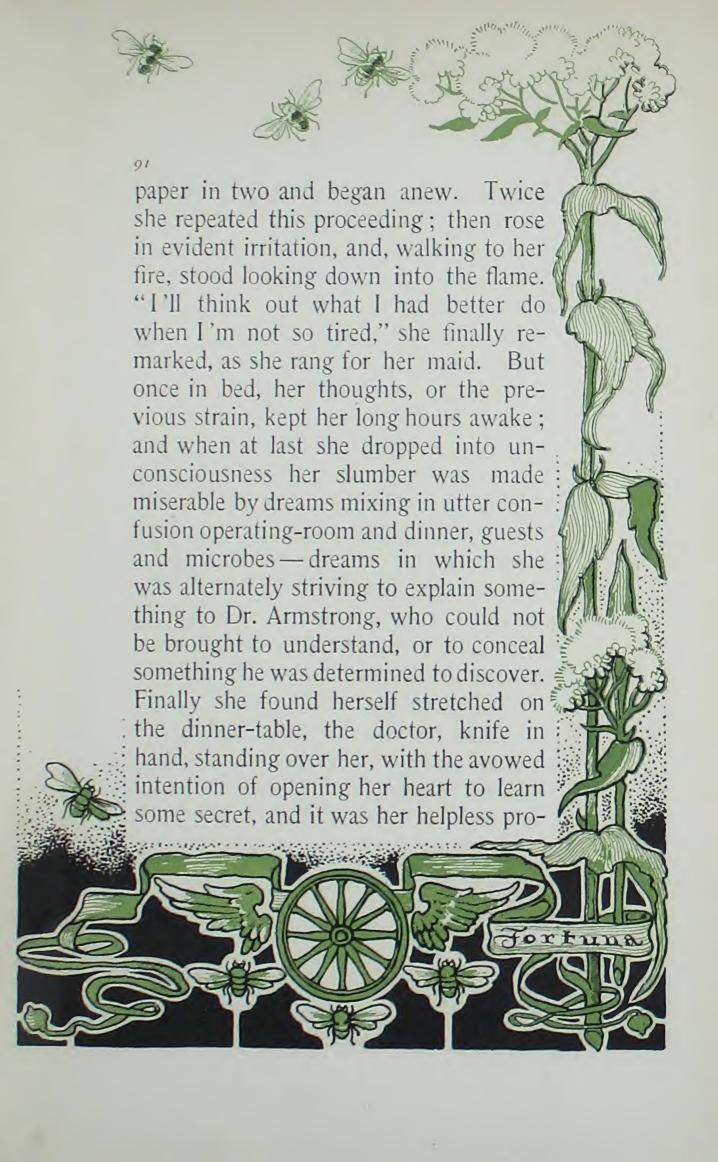


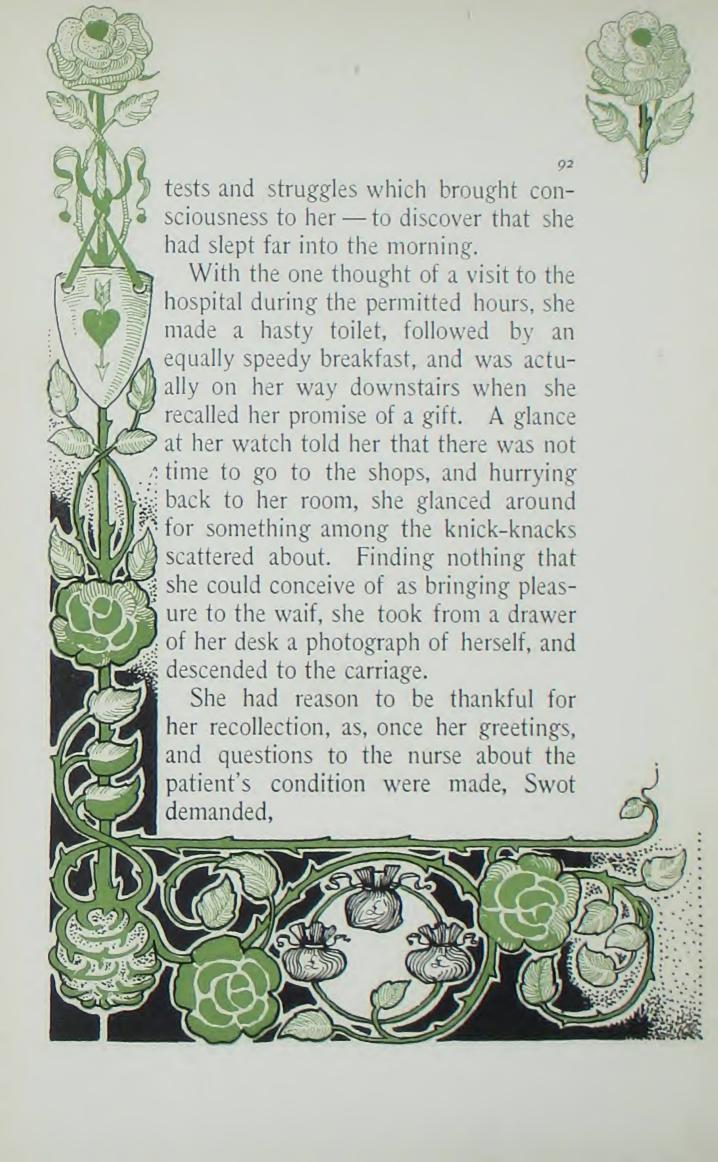


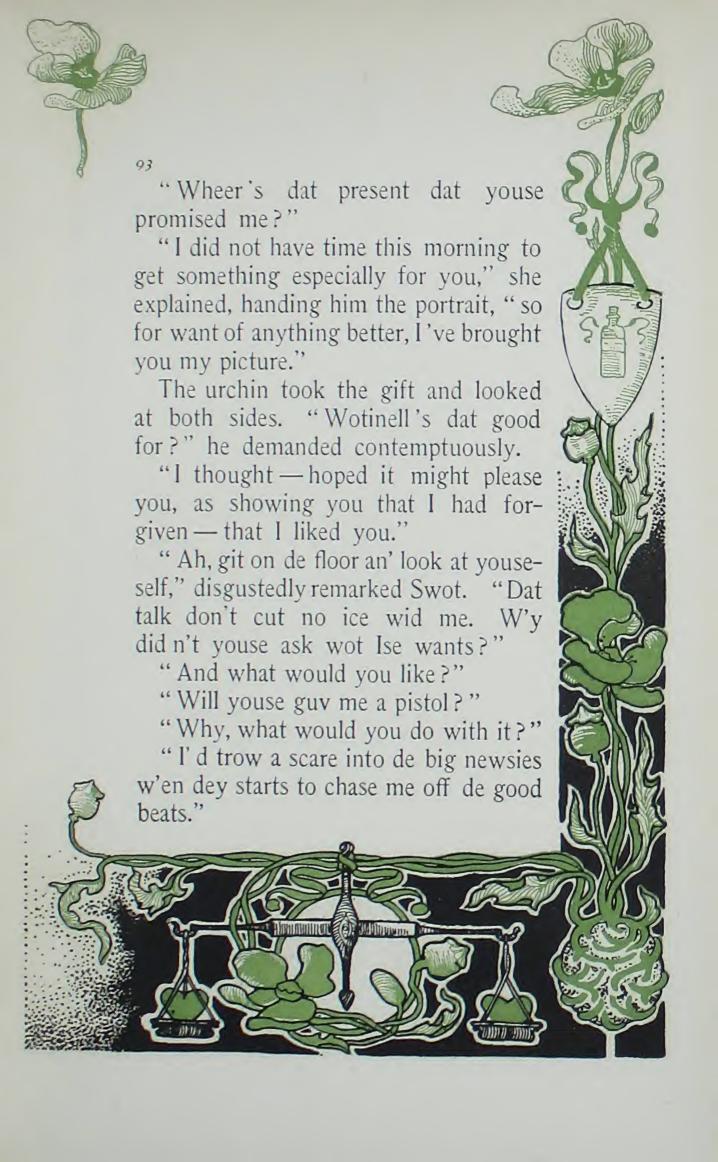


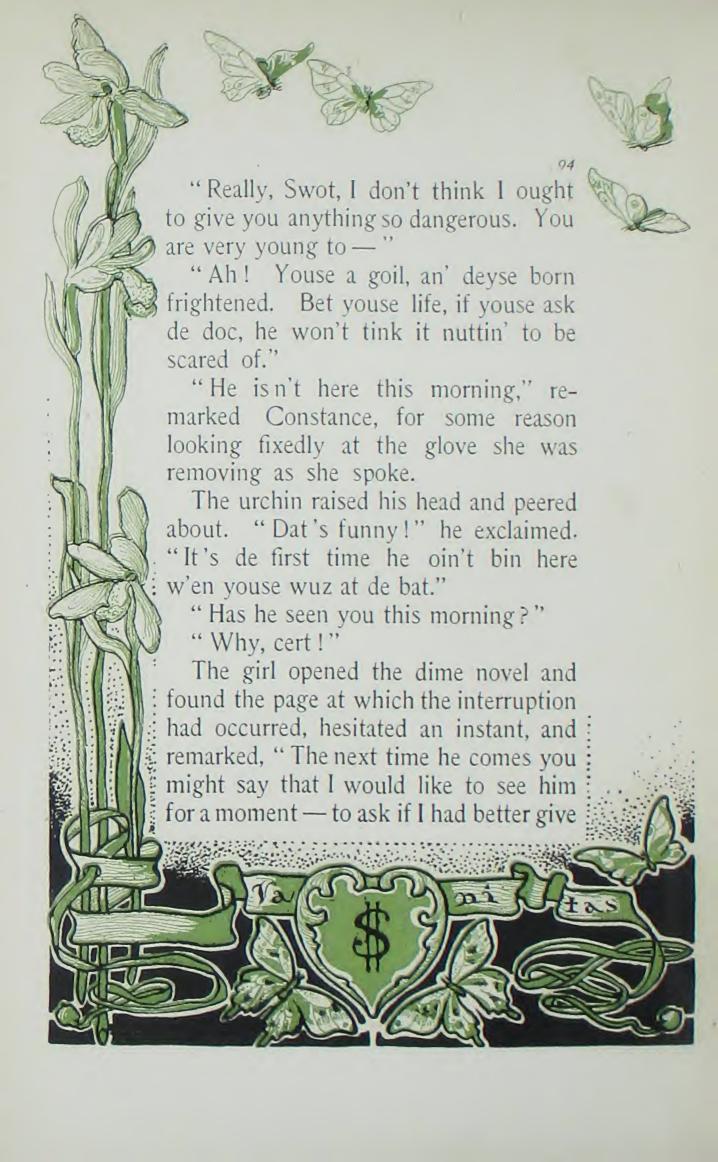


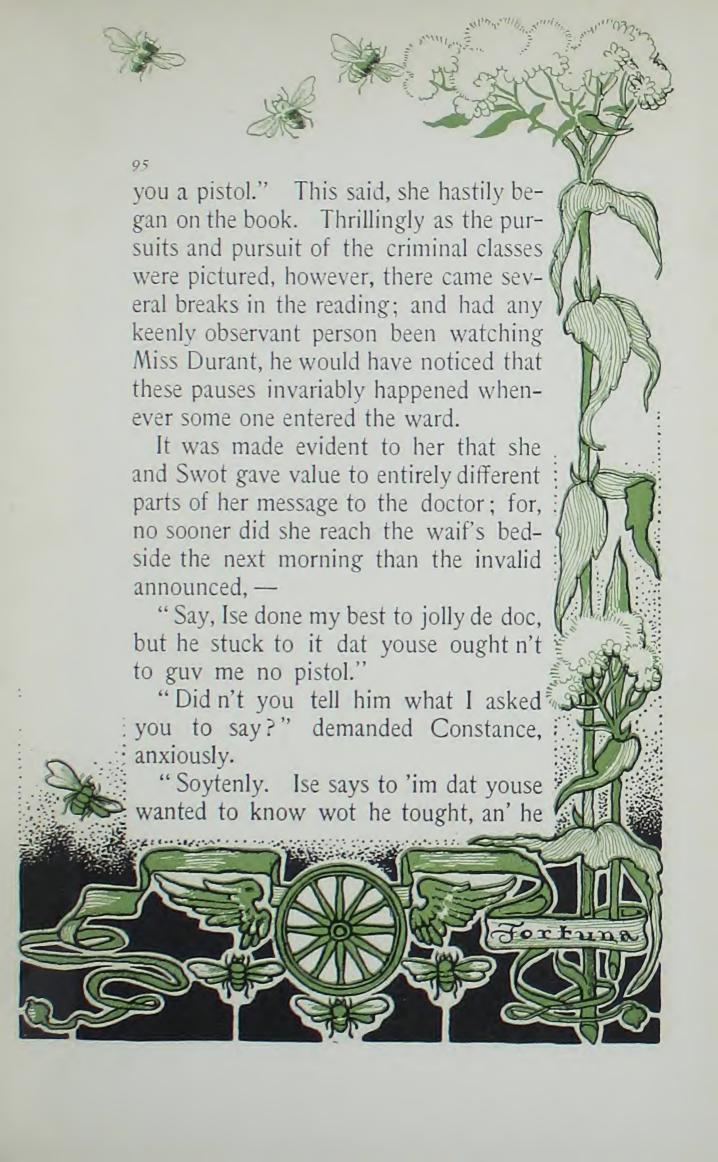


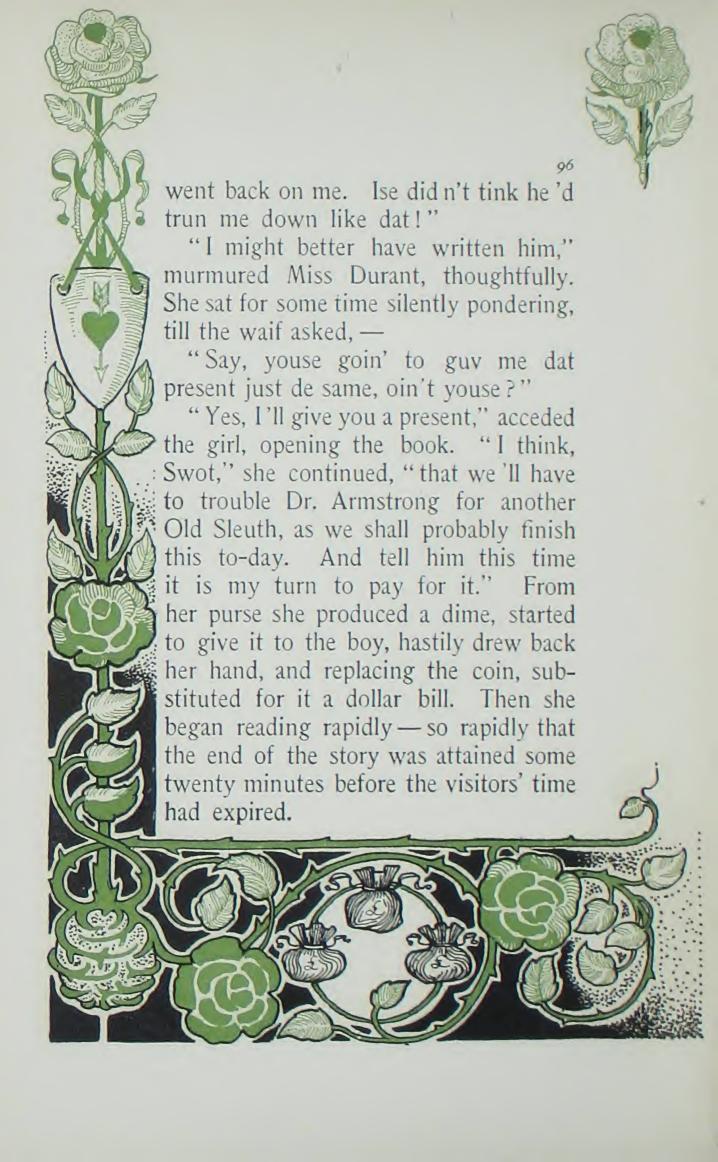


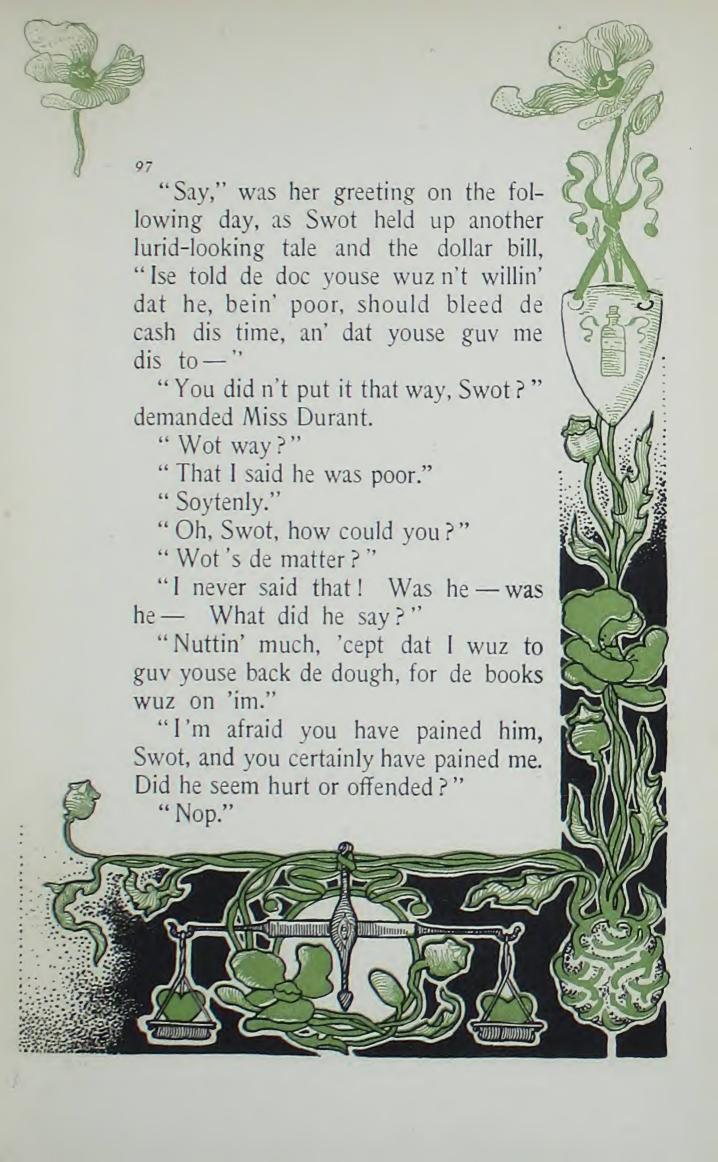


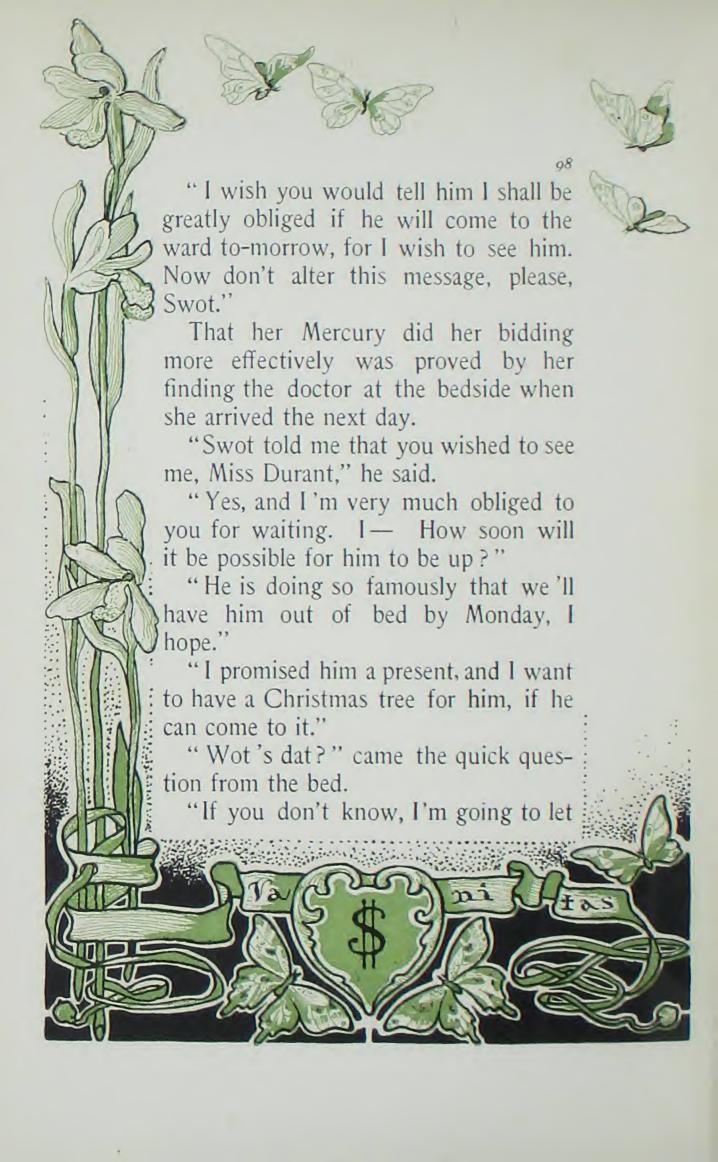


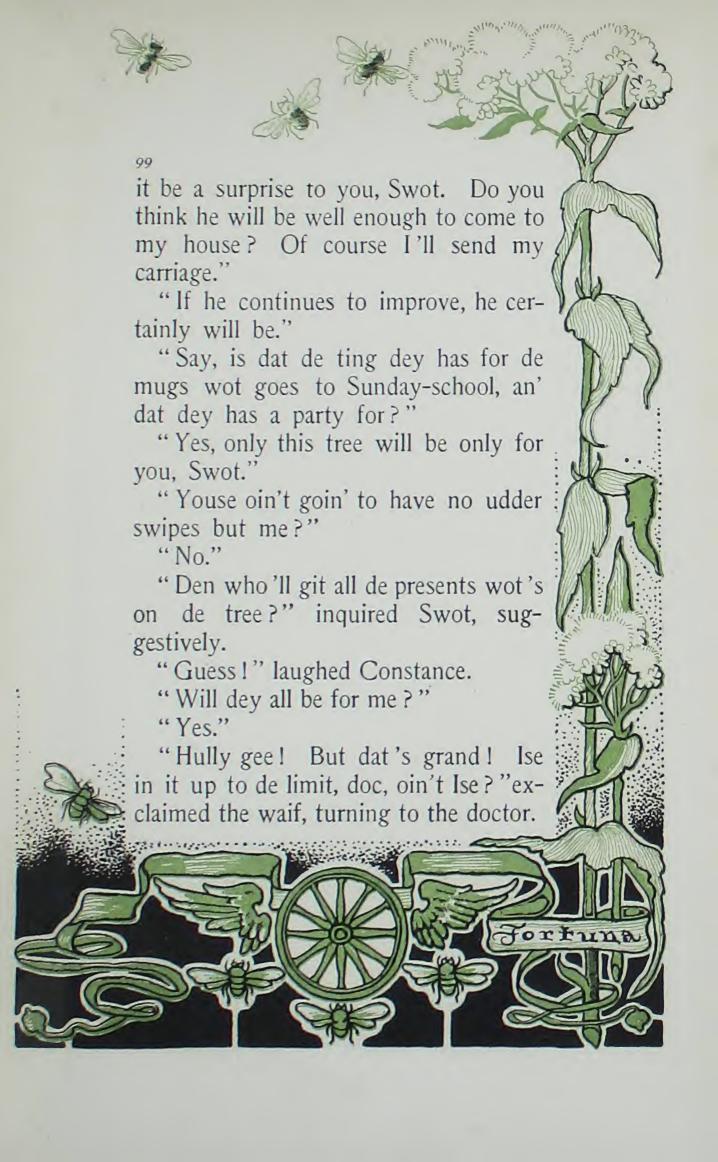


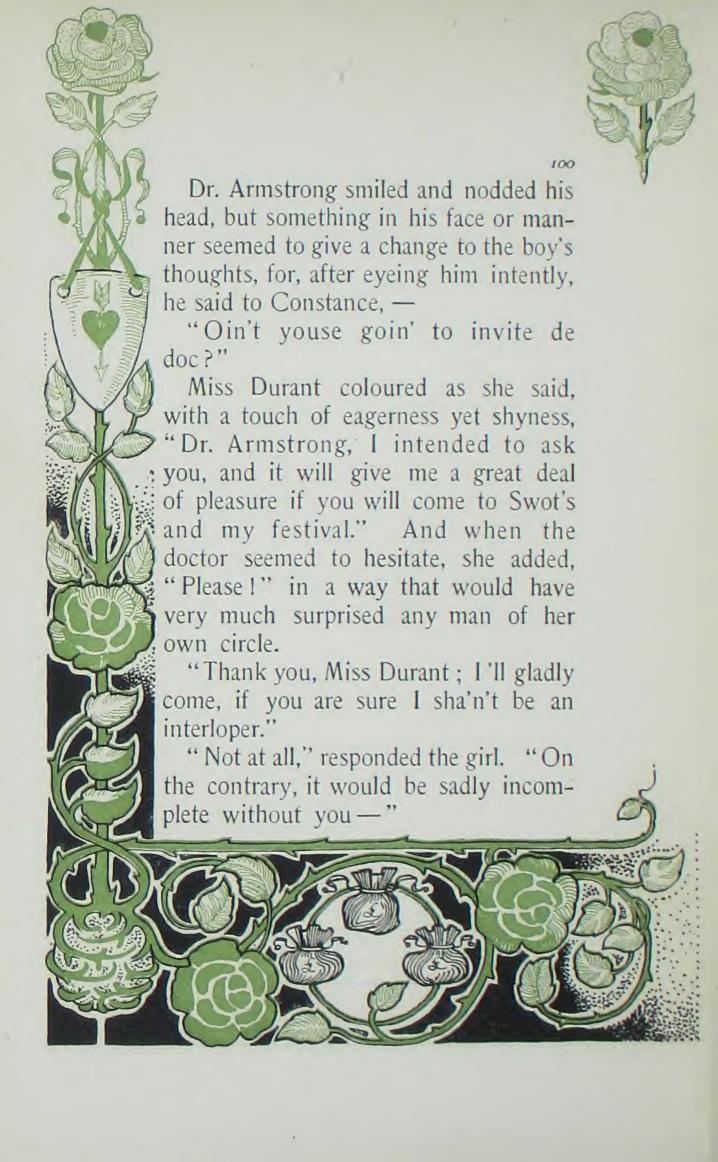


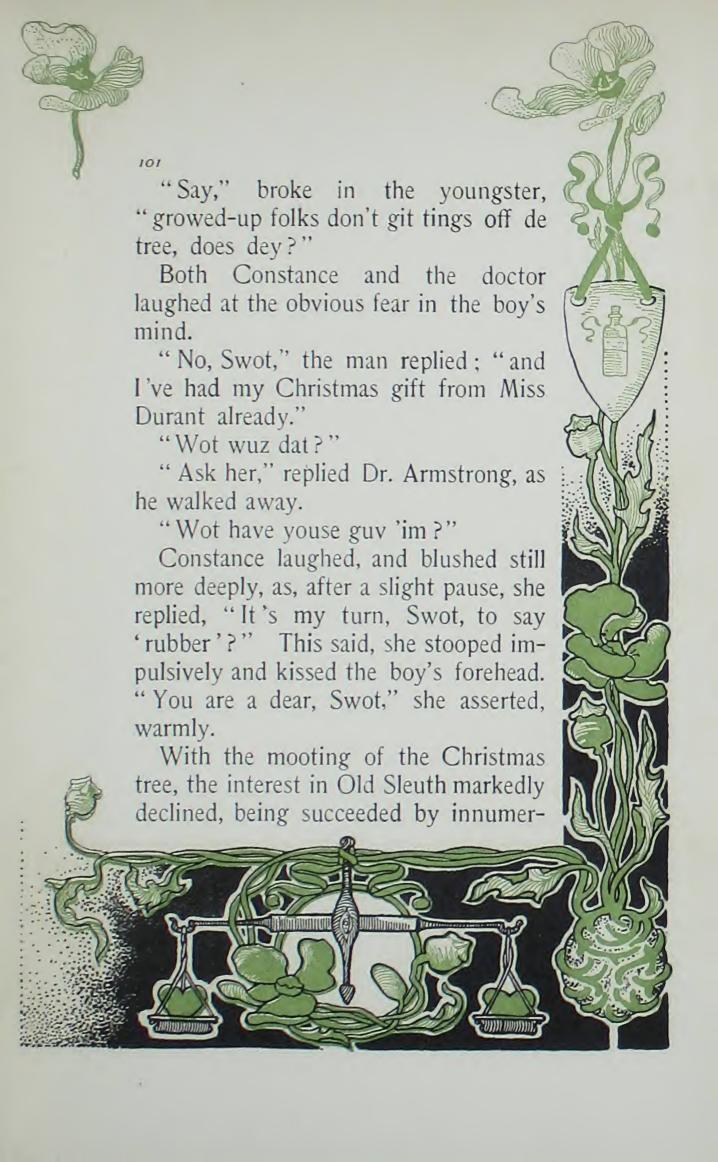


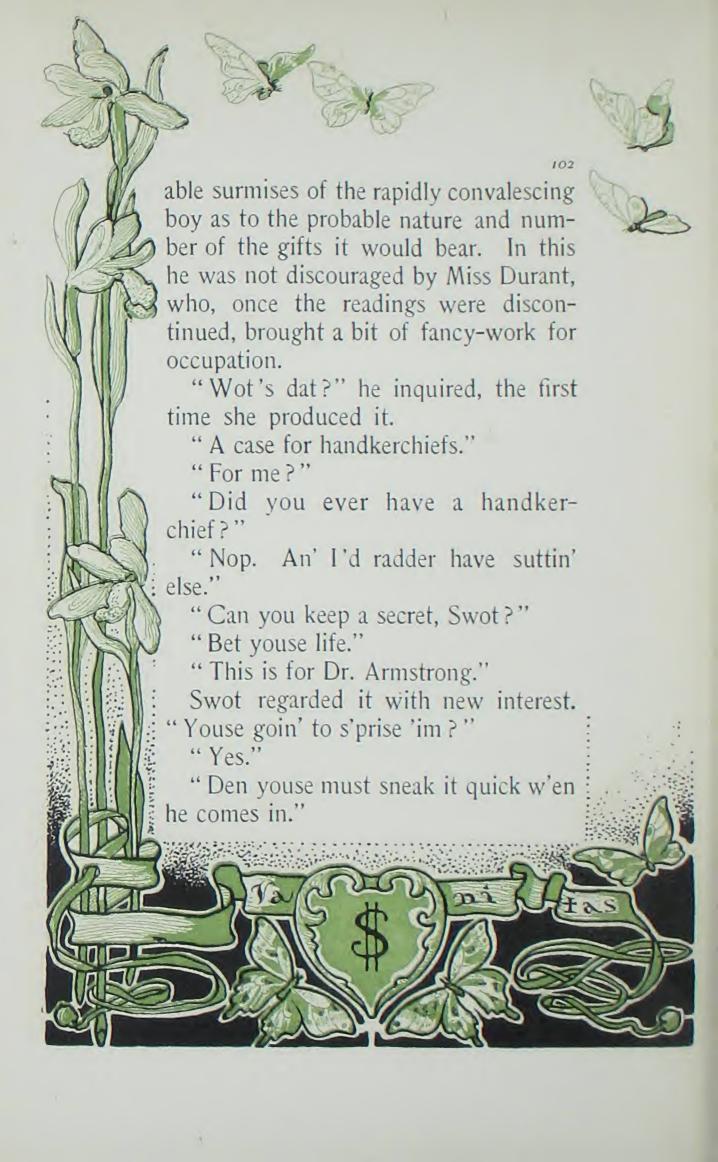


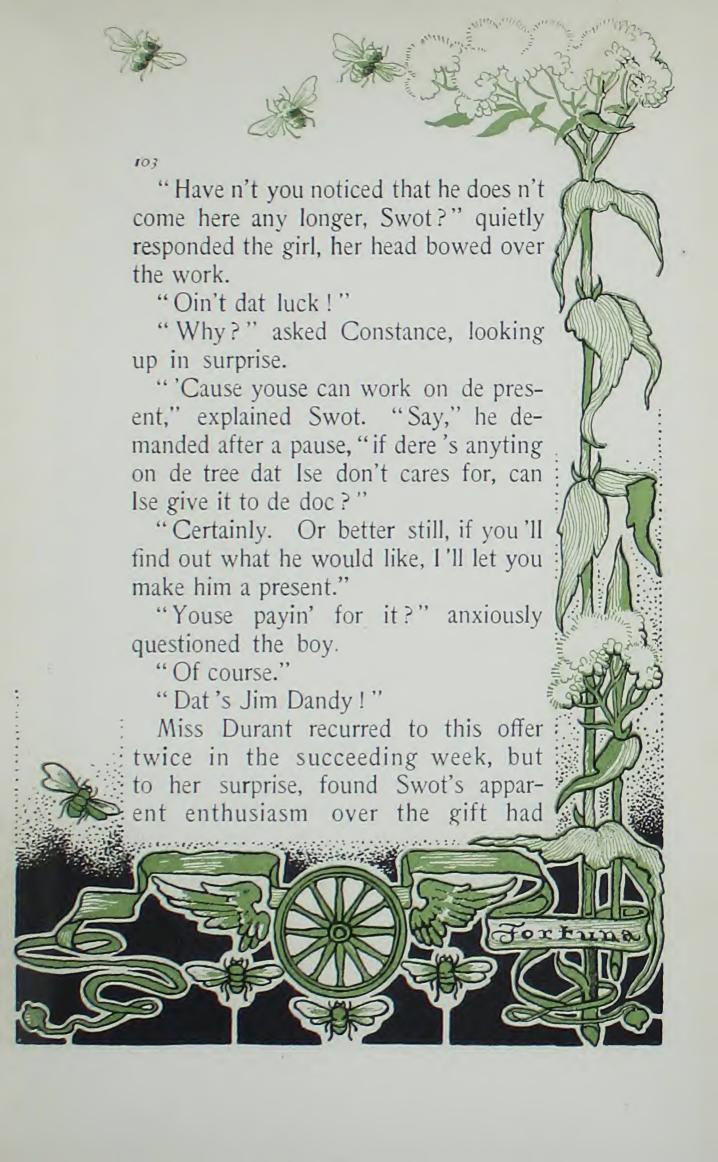


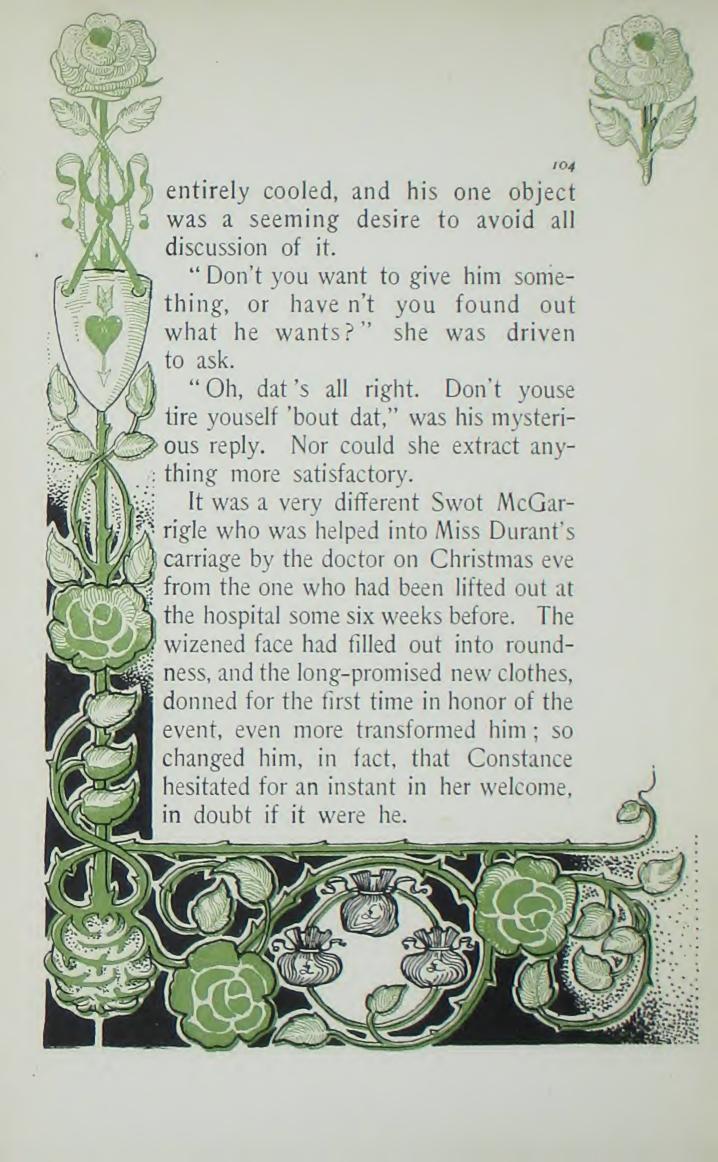


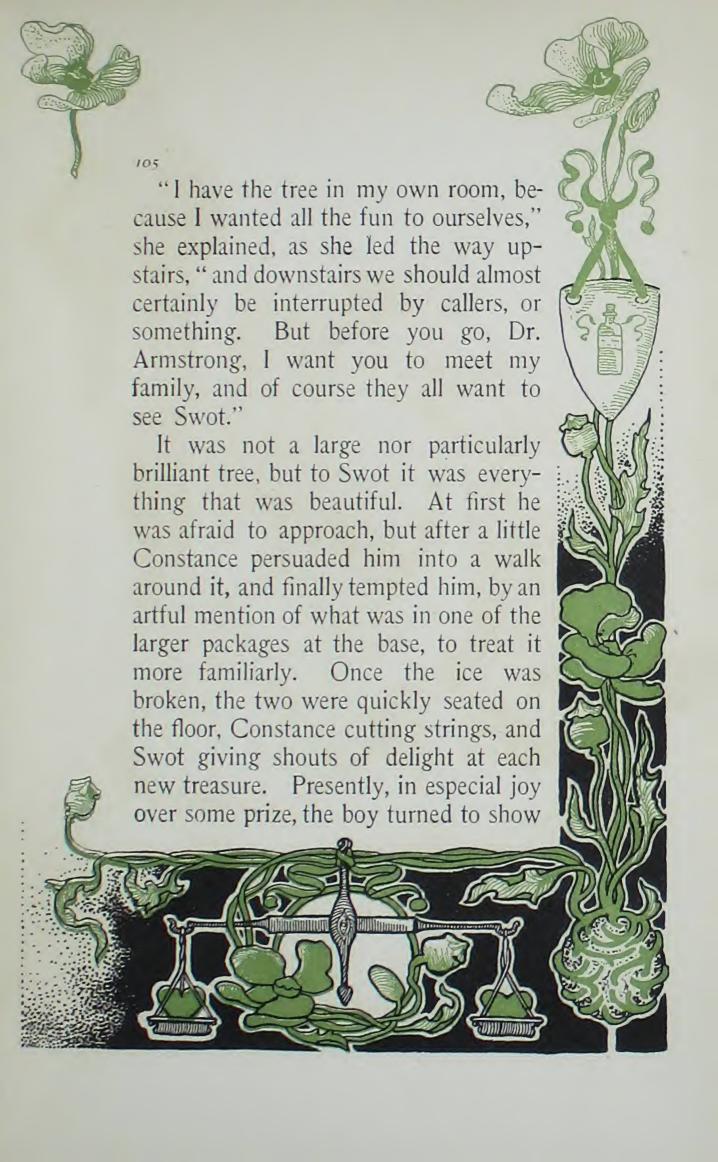


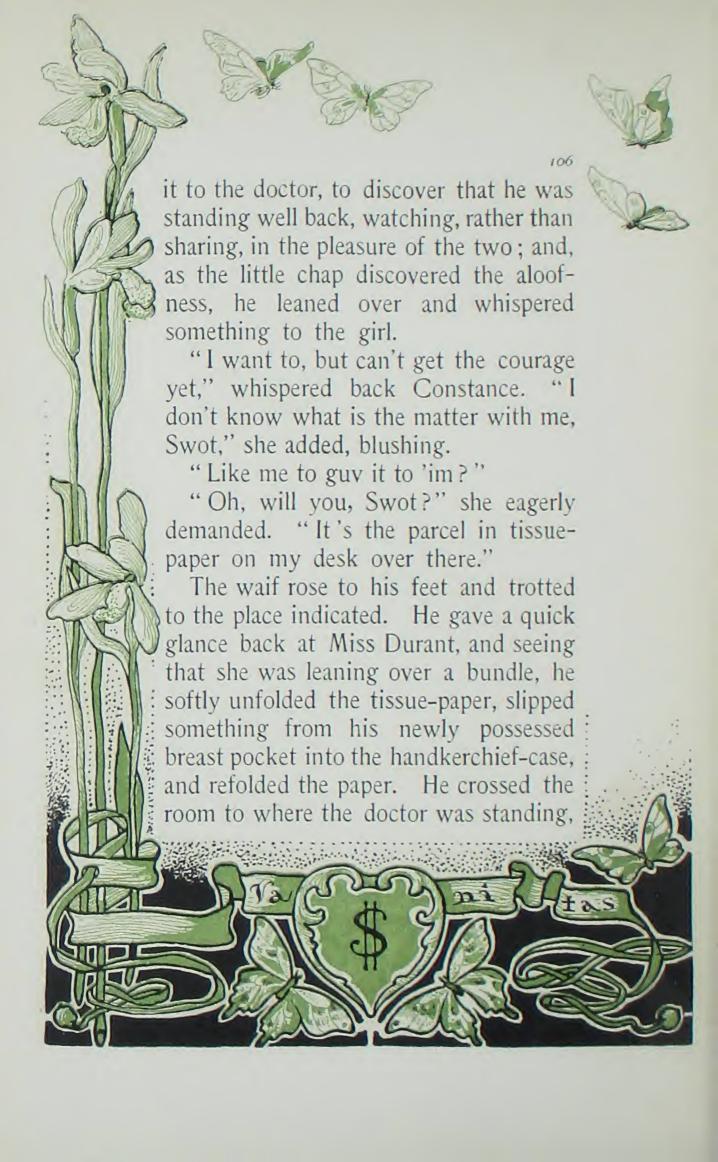


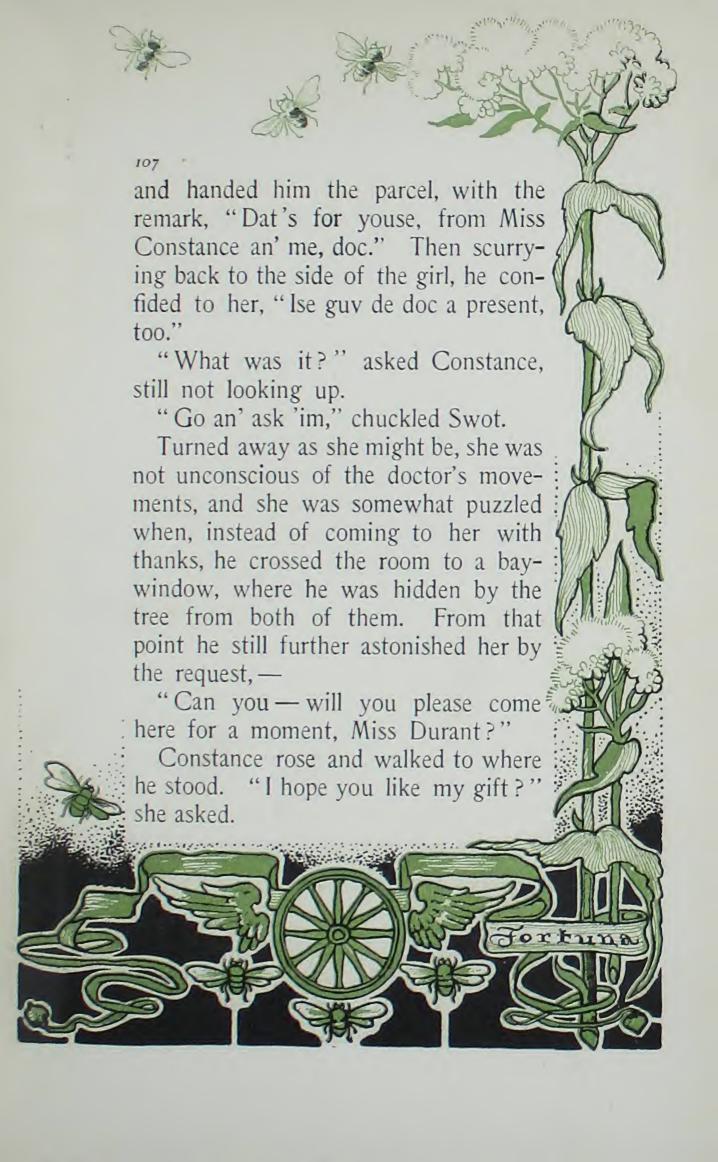


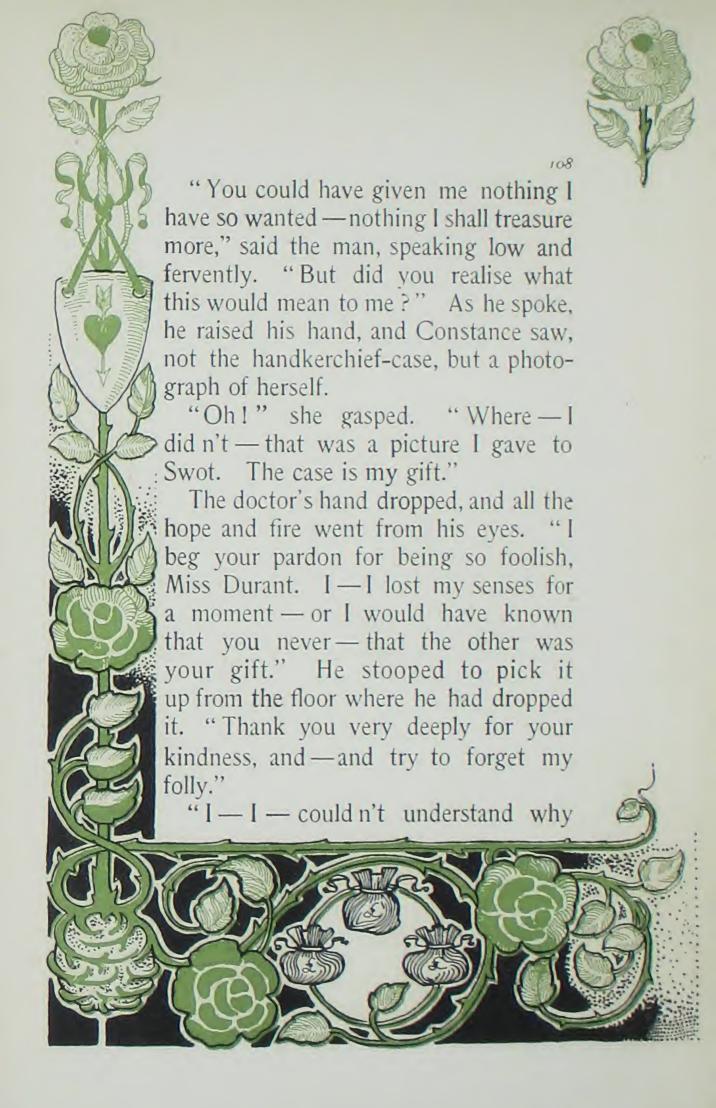


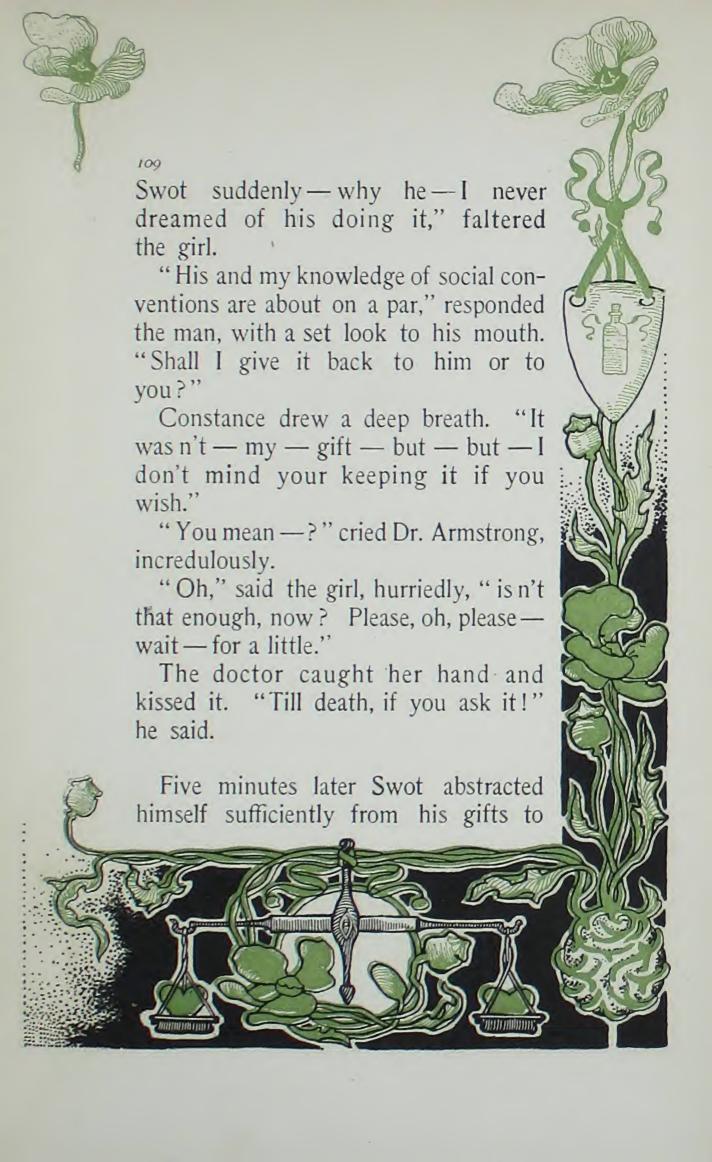


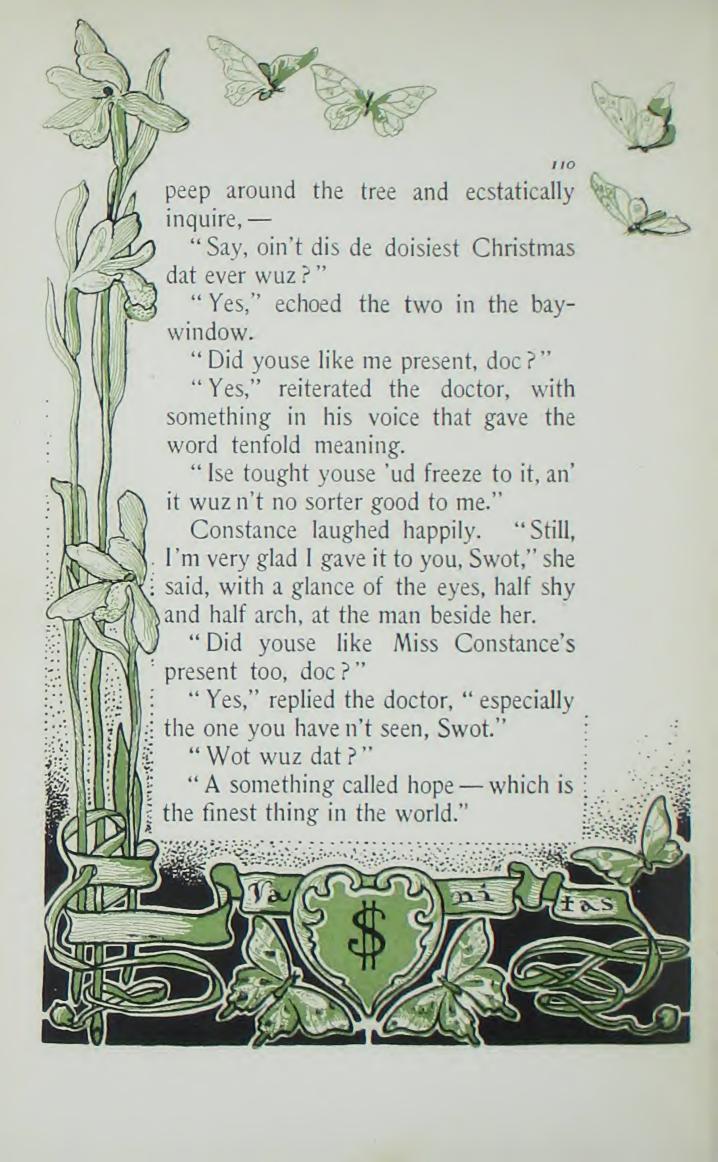












"The two were quickly seated on the floor."

















